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STATEMENT ON "PANAY" INCIDENT

SPANISH WAR NEWS

Barcelona, Dec. 20: A note of jubilation was sounded with the Government's announcements of successes on the Teruel front claiming that the ring around Teruel is drawing closer.

It is reported that Government planes played a large part in the operations.

The Insurgents declare, however, that the Government attacks were repulsed with heavy losses.

Barcelona was heavily bombed by Insurgents and it is understood that two hospitals suffered damages.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

30,000 JAPANESE TROOPS LEAVE SHANGHAI

Hankow, Dec. 20: More than 30,000 Japanese troops have left Shanghai by vessel between Dec. 15 and 17 for an unknown destination, according to a report received here from the port city.

The same report adds that several transports arrived in Shanghai to-day and unloaded huge quantities of military supplies and armoured cars.

Central News.

MOHAMMENDANS FOR THE FRONT

To Wage War Against The Japanese

Hankow, Dec. 20.

The sensational report that Mohammedan troops from southern Sinkiang, under the leadership of General Ma Chung Ying have arrived at Lanchow, capital of Kansu Province, en route to China to join the war against Japan was published in the "San Tang Pao" this morning.

The "San Tang Pao," organ of the Chinese army, is usually well-informed in such matters. It will be recalled that General Ma Chung Ying fought a bitter war for years in Sinkiang against the Manchurian General Sheng Shih Tsai. Following the defeat, General Ma escaped to Russia where he was reported to have entered the War College in Moscow.

Only twenty-eight years old, General Ma Chung Ying is much respected by the Mohammedans in the North-west particularly in Kansu and Sinkiang. He entered the army at the age of fifteen and was promoted commander of the newly organised 36th Division in Sinkiang in 1933.

Reuter

"INFORMATION REQUIRES CAREFUL STUDY"

TOKYO, DECEMBER 20.

THE JAPANESE ARMY AUTHORITIES OMITTED TO INFORM HIM THAT AN ARMY MOTOR BOAT WAS IN THE VICINITY AND USED ITS MACHINE-GUNS ON THE PANAY, SAID A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN IN A STATEMENT ON THE PANAY INCIDENT, ISSUED TO-DAY.

This information, he explained, required the most careful study especially as regards the question as to whether the Panay fired on the motor boat first or vice versa.

The spokesman lamented the fact that the Panay, by moving up from Nanking that morning, actually moved into the danger zone where the Japanese were pursuing Chinese troops in the Wuhu area and where the most confused conditions prevailed.

In addition the notification of the Panay's intention to move up the Yangtze, conveyed through the American Consulate-General in Shanghai to the Japanese naval authorities in that city, was handed in too late to reach the responsible authorities in Wuhu before the incident.

MORAL PUNISHMENT

The Foreign Office spokesman said he was unable to say whether interim replies would be forthcoming. To the Oriental mind the recall of Rear-Admiral Mitsunari, Chief of Japanese aerial operations in China, meant morally the highest punishment but he did not know what steps might be taken legally.

The bombing started at 1.25 p.m. and though the day was clear visibility in the Panay area did not extend to more than two kilometres owing to clouds of smoke from Nanking fires so that Japanese planes might not have been able to identify the ship flying at the masthead of the gunboat. In any case details had not yet been cleared up.

The spokesman confirmed that an unidentified Japanese army motor-boat paid a courtesy call on the Panay before the incident while after the firing of machine-guns, Japanese soldiers from another motor-boat boarded the Panay before she sank shortly after 2 p.m. Contrary to his statement on Friday the spokesman said he expected that the British and American Notes would give formal replies but the facts must be cleared beforehand.—Reuter.

SHOCKING BLUNDER

Washington, Dec. 20: The Japanese Ambassador to Washington, Mr. Saito, in a broadcast throughout the United States, apologising for the shocking blunder in the U.S. Panay incident, reiterated that the naval officer responsible had been dismissed. He added that the Japanese Government and people were grieved beyond the expression of words.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

JAPANESE PLANES

Fail To Reach Wuhu Area

Hankow, Dec. 20: Sirens were sounded shortly before this noon in the Wuhu area, comprising the cities of Wuchang, Hankow and Hanyang, heralding the arrival of Japanese planes.

Owing to the preparedness of the Chinese air force, however, the invading machines failed to reach the area but returned to Kluksang, midway between Hankow and Wuhu, where they dropped several bombs.

The "all clear" signal was given at 1.20 p.m.—Central News.

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Matsui's Views

China's Co-operation Desired

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

Future operations of Japanese troops will be entirely dependent on the attitude of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Chinese Government, declared General Matsui in an interview with Japanese journalists in Nanking.

"If the Chinese Government still fails to reconsider its actions and correct its attitude," General Matsui said, "the expeditionary force will continue its operations and to discharge its duty until the Chinese Government stops its resistance."

General Matsui expressed the belief that the Chinese troops and populace in those districts where hostilities had taken place have "learn a lesson from them which serve to indicate to the Chinese Government the advisability of changing its policies."

He hoped "the day will come as quickly as possible when the Chinese Government will reconsider its stand and Chinese troops and people awaken to the fact that they should co-operate with Japan."—Reuter.

QUIET NIGHT AT TSINGTAO

Considerable Damage To Japanese Property

Shanghai, Dec. 20: After a quick dash across the Yellow Sea the American light cruiser Marblehead and destroyer Pope arrived at Tsingtao this morning from Shanghai.

Tsingtao passed a quiet night. All damage done there was confined to Japanese property which suffered a loss of 300,000,000 yen. No damage whatever was done to foreign property nor was there any looting.

No Japanese forces, land or naval, are at present near Tsingtao.—Reuter.

ver, which is wrecked on Kishoto Island, commenced to break up this morning.

Hurried and very gallant work was necessary to take off the remainder of the crew, but all are reported now to be safe.—Reuter

AIR RAID LECTURE

Protection Against High Explosive Bombs

MAJOR EDWARDS DESCRIBES SHELTER TRENCHES

The China Fleet Club Theatre was again packed to capacity last evening when Major B. B. Edwards, M.C., R.E., gave a lecture on the "Effects and characteristics of and measures for, protection against high explosive bombs."

This was the third of the series of lectures on air-raid precautions, and the full attendance showed the ever-increasing interest taken in this vital subject by the Government and the public of Hong Kong.

The speaker, in the course of his lecture, said:

Bombs likely to be (1) High Explosives, (2) Incendiary, (3) Gas. The last two categories were dealt with by other lecturers.

Among the high explosives there are two sub-divisions.

(1) "Mankillers" and (2) Destroyers of material.

Mankiller is a small bomb with a graze fuse intended for use against troops in the open or under canvas. It bursts on the surface and spreads radially, but it is not likely to be used against towns and any precautions we take will deal with it.

Destroyers of material: Bombs of sizes up to 3,000 lb. Either exploded by ordinary impact or delay action fuses and intended primarily, to destroy, buildings,

docks, workshops, ships and similar structures. No ordinary protection can stop such a bomb and it is not worth trying. A direct hit will demolish whatever it hits, but then direct hits are very rare.

Such bombs destroy by blast and cause further damage by flying bits of the case. Blast is most dangerous. Generally close up to the actual explosion there is a rush of gas that is so rapid and so great, that it has no time to find its way round any obstacle or out through any hole but just removes anything in its way. Even at a little distance, say 20 to 50 feet, from the explosion the rush is still great and a check may cause it to destroy all in front of it rather than take the easier path.

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WIFE TELLS OF SPY SUSPECT'S ARREST

Armed Men Take Richards And Companions On Border

"MYSTERY WOMAN" GOES FREE

Circumstances surrounding the disappearance and arrest of Joseph James Richards, who is now being detained in Canton by the Chinese military authorities on suspicion of espionage, were revealed to the "Daily Press" yesterday by Mrs. Richards.

The report that Richards was arrested while on his way back to Hong Kong was denied. Mrs. Richards stated that her husband was detained on the train when it had just crossed the border, and was taken into custody at Shumchun for a considerable length of time pending the arrival of the evening express from Kowloon to take him back to Canton.

Her husband, she said, left the house on the morning of December 5, intending to take the train for Shumchun which left Kowloon about 9 a.m. He left in a hurry, and apparently had an appointment with some friends. He left word that he was going to the New Territories and promised that he would be back for lunch. "However, lunch time passed and soon it was dinner and my husband had not returned," said Mrs. Richards.

In the late afternoon of the following day a Chinese lady, who was termed as the "mystery woman," came to inform her that Richards had been detained by the Chinese authorities.

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Rumoured Landing Scares Canton

Canton, Dec. 20: The news that hostilities are likely to break out in South China, following reports of an imminent Japanese landing in Hsiao Bay, is spreading throughout the city, and steamers to Hong Kong and Macau have been crowded with excited Chinese since the early hours of the morning, all anxious to avoid what they believe may be a second Nanking disaster.

Chinese official source at present refuse to comment on the reports of the imminence of a Japanese landing; but the threat to Canton itself is not considered immediate, some source suggesting that the first Japanese move would be the cutting of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, thus isolating Canton from Hong Kong.

It is reiterated that General Yu Han-mou's troops, which constitute the bulk of Kwangtung's defence forces, intend to offer the staunchest resistance.—Reuter.

Later: While excitement is considerable following reports of an intended Japanese landing, foreign consular officers profess themselves completely unable to confirm the story, and Shamen is only mildly interested. Residents in the Concession being generally of the opinion that this is merely another rumour.

In the event of a Japanese threat to Canton, the British Consul-General Mr. A. P. Blunt, has already announced last week that British women and children would be requested to evacuate, but Reuter is reliably informed that this order has not yet been given and will not be given until a Japanese landing, likely to effect Canton, actually occurs.

Mr. Blunt is proceeding to Hong Kong this morning in order, says the report, to discuss the present situation with the Hong Kong authorities.—Reuter.

PRES. HOOVER BREAKING UP

Taihu, Dec. 20: Weakened by the battering received from the heavy seas, the Dollar Line vessel, President Hoover, commenced to break up this morning.

LAST EXTRA RACE MEETING AT VALLEY



Pictures taken at the last Extra Race Meeting of the year on Saturday. Top left:—The popular Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in conversation with Mrs. Duke; Top right:—Mrs. Abbott, Mr. H. Donovan, Mrs. Dalcott and Miss Ross; Bottom left:—This group includes Mrs. T. Y. Pei, Mrs. W. J. Wen, Mr. Y. C. Wen and Mrs. Clarence Young; Bottom right:—Lieut. Colonel C. L. O. Tayleur, R.A., strolling with Miss Cameron.



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AIR RAID LECTURE

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ODD EFFECTS

On the other hand high explosives have the most odd effects and lapses, and may leave unharmed persons and things quite near the centre of the explosion. So we may expect an area around the point of impact where everything is completely destroyed. This is the crater and may be anything from ten to forty or more feet across and from three to fifteen or more feet deep. Around this again will be an area in which the destruction will vary immensely and will be very hard indeed to foretell. Among houses built in blocks or rows a big bomb falling in one of the houses may take five or six houses right out of the row, and if the houses are old and of indifferent materials the whole block might be destroyed.

COVER TRENCHES

On the other hand a modern building of reputable design and construction would probably not suffer much if a big bomb fell 50 to 100 feet outside the building. Thus for our purpose of providing cover against air raids, if you have not got a good building of reasonable sound construction and workmanship it is better to abandon all idea of using a building and to dig cover trenches outside. Alternatively, if there is a hillside handy to drive tunnels into, get your cover that way. The construction of a splinter-proof shelter inside a building has, however, several fairly solid advantages. It is right on the spot and can easily be got at and it is probably easier to make gas proof. I am not now going to touch on this point; it will be dealt with in a later lecture, but as you cannot foretell the nature of the attack it is obvious that your splinter-proof shelter must be gas-proof, and your gas-proof room splinter-proof.

SHELTERS IN BUILDINGS

Now, how to choose your room? For gas-proofing reasons it should not normally be occupied by more persons than will allow of 75 sq. ft. of surface area (walls, floor and ceiling) per head. This is a Home-side figure and, if at all possible, this figure might be increased to 100 square feet. This is simply to have enough air to breathe when all the openings are closed. But for this, you could crowd more people in and this could be done when there are special ventilating arrangements. These are possible and work somewhat on the lines of air-conditioning plants. I have no details. If you should have such a plant you can crowd your people in up to 6 sq. ft. of floor space per person or less, but do not allow less if you can possibly help it because of the delay in crowding people in. "Pass right down the car please."

DIRECT HIT

It is better to have a number of small shelters rather than one partly because they are easier to make and it is easier to find buildings and rooms suitable but chiefly because you do not want all your eggs in one basket. A direct hit on a shelter would be very bad luck indeed, like being struck by lightning, but if the shelter is too large you may have more people hurt than you need, e.g. Oldham Press during the Great War.

If you must have a big shelter, divide it up in 50-men units by adding inside walls or traverses.

The following thicknesses of material are reasonably safe against splinters and against the blast of a bomb not less than 50 feet away.

1. Good quality brickwork in h.c. mortar, 13½ inch solid, 15½ inch hollow (2 inch covers). Remember good brickwork, not the rather indifferent work you may meet in Hong Kong.

2. Concrete not weaker than 1:6 mix. Reinforced concrete. Specially designed reinforced concrete may be as little as 10 inches thick and still suffice.

From the above you may decide whether the rooms you have your eye on are good enough.

MATERIALS FOR USE

The following are materials that can be used to close openings or strengthen doubtful places.

1. Sand, earth or coal dust confined between board or shuttering, minimum of 30 feet, but remember to see that the earth, sand etc. is kept up. Rain and weather will wash some of it away and you may find yourself relying on two thicknesses of board only. This gives good moral effect perhaps but is of no practical use. Have regular places where a man can climb up and look at the inside of the wall, and keep stocks of spare material

RING VALUED AT \$6,300

Receiving Charge
Against Woman

JEWEL BROKER CAUGHT IN SAIGON

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday as prosecutor when the trial of Lai Wai-chuen, 30-year old widow of good family, charged with receiving a ring set with diamonds, was begun.

The charge against her alleged that she received, between April 18 and December 1, both dates inclusive, a ring set with diamonds and valued at \$6,300, knowing the same to have been stolen or obtained under circumstances amounting to a misdemeanour.

It was alleged that the ring was part of a quantity of jewellery with which a jewel broker named Ng Tat-sheong absconded in April this year, the total value of the collection being \$29,000. Ng, it was revealed by Mr. Lo, had been arrested in Saigon, and was awaiting extradition proceedings there.

Mr. Lo said that the ring belonged to the Tin Mau Jewellery shop, Queen's Road Central, and had been entrusted to the broker, Ng Tat-sheong. Evidence would be given to show that four other firms similarly entrusted articles to Ng. He was known to have absconded on or about April 20, on which day the Tin Mau firm received certain information and took the usual steps.

A reward was advertised but Ng was not heard of from April 20 to December 2, a day after defendant's arrest, when telegraphic information was received that he had been arrested in Saigon.

On December 1, defendant, accompanied by another woman, went to the Tai Wah firm and offered a ring for sale. It was noteworthy that the Tai Wah was the only firm in Queen's Road Central that had opened since the loss of the jewellery was reported. The fact, who attended her was an old employee of the Tin Mau and he identified the ring as belonging to that shop. The ring actually bore the name Tin Mau engraved inside. It had been partially erased, but was still visible under a lens. Defendant was informed the ring was stolen property and that she must go to the police station with it.

The defendant, when charged, said the ring was given her by one "Choy Ling" to sell.

On the question of guilty knowledge, Mr. Lo submitted that in some cases the prosecution had no evidence to prove that except recent possession. It was not so much a matter of law as a matter for his Worship to decide, and the value of the stolen property had also to be taken into consideration.

When questioned at the shop the defendant said "No, I did not know the property was stolen. It was given to me by a relative in Shanghai." In the charge-room, as a result of a statement made by her, a woman named Li Chai-wan had been brought up but denied she was a relative of the defendant. She had merely seen the ring being given to her, but the person was not a relative of hers.

Mr. Lo concluded that it was well-known in Hong Kong that when a person wanted to sell diamonds at a good price he would almost certainly go to the big shops in Queen's Road Central in preference to anywhere else. His Worship had already been told that of eight of these five had lost property and had reported and another did not report their loss.

Evidence was called after which the hearing was adjourned for a week.

handy (say up to 20 per cent. of the amount originally put in) to make up losses.

You can use shingle and broken stone in the same way and cut your minimum thickness to 24 inches.

In the unlikely event of mild steel plates being available in quantities, 1½ inch M.S. plate will also serve. Also 10 inch of shingle with 1/2 M.S. plate at the back and 1/4 inch M.S. plate on the front.

You can also use any form of backing or casing that will give you the same thickness of earth or shingle. Boxes filled with this material and built up would do, and I have even seen a traverse made of 4 gallon kerosene tins filled with earth. Points to be watched are to build up your walls so there are no cracks. It would probably be better to increase your thickness

ARSENIC IN THE FAMILY RICE BOWL

Allegations Made At The Criminal Sessions

Allegations to the effect that three persons died as a result of arsenic being put in a family rice bowl on October 5 by Li Fok-yue, unemployed villager of Tolshan, were made by the Crown yesterday, when, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, accused stood trial for the murder of Tang Kam, alias Tang Yee-kam, married woman, at the Criminal Sessions.

Accused pleaded not guilty and the jury empanelled for the case were Messrs. R. Pestonji (Foreman), Chan Tak-chiu, S. M. Ali, G. A. Vas, Fung Sul-leung, Go Shing-kam, Lam Kwok-tsol.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney General, assisted by Mr. W. Shafrin, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, and Det. Insp. A. E. Carey, whilst Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. H. N. Chau, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, represented the accused.

CROWN CASE

Opening the case for the Crown, Mr. Williams said the evidence, as was common, in poisoning cases, was mostly circumstantial. Accused was acquainted with a woman named Mak Yiu-sin, with whom he had lived at Tolshan while the husband was in America. Their fellow villagers had always resented the relationship and eventually the couple came to Hong Kong, the woman taking up quarters in Tungchoi Street. On the same floor were Tang Kam and her aged husband and Chan Kwai, a woman (who were now all dead of arsenic poisoning) Chan Lui and some relatives of these people. These inmates all used the same kitchen on this floor to which accused was a frequent visitor in order to see the woman Mak.

Accused admitted later that there was a violent quarrel between himself and Tang Kam who objected to his visit to the house. For some time Tang Kam and her husband would not speak to him. On October 4, accused was in the kitchen of the house to prepare a meal and in reply to a question by Mak, he said he was also boiling water for a bath. He did not take a bath however.

The next day he returned to the house early, with some fish and vegetables for breakfast for Mak.

her children and himself, while Tang Kam went out to get her breakfast requirements from the market. When she returned she cooked her breakfast in the kitchen while accused was in Mak's bed-space. Conversation was carried on between the three while Mak was sewing. Accused had opportunities of going into the kitchen as Tang Kam was moving about.

CONCENTRATED SOLUTION

Eventually Tang Kam and her husband sat down to their meal and accused left the house because, the Crown alleged, he knew they would soon feel ill effects from their meal. In fact the two people soon became very ill and Chan Kwai who had tasted the rice when Tang Kam remarked on its taste, also fell ill, the three suffering from vomiting and stomach pains.

Meanwhile accused had gone to the stall of a hawk nearby and in front of the stall he left a paper packet. Yang Chau-cheung, owner of the stall noticed this act but was busy at the time.

A Chinese doctor was fetched to Tang Kam's husband and he prescribed for food poisoning. At the Hospital, Dr. Beng the Superintendent, had diagnosed arsenic poisoning and had informed the police who took statements from the women. The women died during the next day. The police went to the floor on October 5, the day of the poisoning and Sgt. Headridge ordered the old man to be removed to hospital where he also died. Various objects were taken away for examination and inquiries were made for accused.

FATAL DOSE

When confronted with a police constable, accused said: "Are they saying I have poisoned somebody? The worst that can happen is death."

At the lower court proceedings when tried for committing, accused denied the killing. He admitted having quarrelled with Tang Kam but said she had also quarrelled with her husband and it was probably she who had poisoned him. In view of the fact that she ate the fatal rice herself, such a theory was, fantastic, said Counsel.

After evidence in support of the Crown's opening was given, hearing has adjourned till 10 a.m. to-day.

AMBULANCE BRIGADE

Medical Benevolent Branch's Work

The return of cases treated during November by the St. John Ambulance New Territories Medical Benevolent Branch is as follows:—
Haw Par Hospital (Cheung Chau) 2455; Tsuen Wan 1449; Tung Mun 1038; Ha Tsuen 470; Kam Tin 842; Takwiling 446; Shataukok 873; Fanling 1062; Shatin 529. Total: 9164.

RUSSIAN TO STAND TRIAL

Nicolai Pavlovich Custareff, native of Russia, was yesterday committed by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions on charges of forging and uttering a forged \$5 note of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The hearing had been spread over a period of a few weeks and at the conclusion yesterday defendant made statements to the effect that he was innocent of the actual charges preferred against him.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin.

somewhat, say by 20 to 25 per cent.

SANDBAGS
Should sandbags be available the same thickness laid in sandbags would do. Sandbags are normally only filled 3/4 full of earth and are then beaten out until they measure about 20 inches long 10 inches wide and 5 inches thick. They are laid like bricks (always joined) in alternate layers of end stretchers as in "English" bond. Lay with mouths and seams on the inside, as these are the first points to burst or rot. The advantages of sandbags are that they are laid quickly and you can make difficult "plans" more easily. The drawbacks are that they are apt to rot and allow the contents to escape.

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ARMED THIEF CAUGHT

The courageous efforts of a Chinese watchman in tackling an armed thief and the prompt assistance given by a woman to summon help were warmly praised by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Police Court on Saturday when a 32-year-old unemployed man, Chan Lin, was convicted on the charge of larceny of a coil of rope from the Cheung Tai timber yard and the additional charges of possession of an offensive weapon with intent to use it to inflict harm to the watchman, and assault with intent to prevent lawful apprehension.

Inspector W. Russell of the Hung Hom Police Station, who prosecuted, told the Court of the circumstances regarding the case. He said that a Chinese watchman, Woo Law-yeung, employed by the timber yard, saw defendant rolling the 40-foot long rope, ready to take it away. He approached the thief and when he was about to arrest him, the thief suddenly flashed out a knife and threatened to stab the watchman. In spite of the danger the watchman held on to the thief.

A Chinese woman named Wong Tai-tai, who was near the timber yard saw the incident and went out to summon help. She related what she saw to an Indian watchman who in turn told an Indian Constable, B354, who happened to be in the vicinity on duty. With the help of the constable the thief was arrested. "Imposing a sentence of five months' imprisonment, Mr. Barnett thanked the watchman and the woman and said: "I wish to commend Woo Law-yeung very warmly for his courage in tackling a violent and armed thief, and the woman for her promptness and presence of mind in summoning help."

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A BOLD PLAN FOR WORLD PEACE

Everywhere men of good will are on the look out for any constructive suggestion towards ridding the world of its major nightmare—the outbreak of another world war. It must, however, be of a practical nature.

Mr. Lionel Curtis, in the third and concluding volume of his "Civitas Dei" or "City of God," propounds a plan which he acknowledges to be difficult yet believes to be feasible. His key idea, as he calls it, is that the world can be saved only by the general application of the principle that the duty which each man owes to all his fellows has no limits.

The emphasis, he is observed, is on the word "all." Such duty does not stop at municipal or county boundary, or even at a national frontier. Unchecked at the ocean it travels across to the further shore and starts afresh. In theory, at any rate, this doctrine has been preached from the pulpits for centuries, but not with over-much effect upon the spirit of nationalism. And as for nationalism—viva l'en-nem! according to those who hold, like Mr. Curtis, that the spirit of nationalism carried to excess is the most fruitful parent of armaments and wars.

BRITISH INITIATIVE

So the real problem is how to build a bridge between nationalism and internationalism and invest some august international authority with sovereign powers in all matters relating to peace and war.

Mr. Curtis sees that the world to-day is not ready for any such plan, and that even a revised League of Nations, with the Articles of the Covenant which have proved so illusory cut out, will still leave the Sovereign International Authority of his ultimate vision totally unrealised.

How, then, is such an Authority to be established? By slow degrees, he says, with two or three of the British democracies agreeing to make the bold experiment as a start. He suggests Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand, the two last being selected because they are the most British of the Dominions, and also, perhaps, because they are the most vulnerable from the quarter farthest removed from these shores.

The suggestion is that while retaining complete autonomy in their domestic matters, these three British democracies should set up an overriding authority in all matters relating to peace and war which should have full power to levy men, ships and taxes, not from the three national Governments, but direct from the taxpayers of the three democracies. No more audacious proposal was ever promulgated. But the question is: Is it practicable?

BURKE'S OBJECTIVE

Mr. Curtis holds that the geographical argument against it—Burke's opposit Natura—has been overcome by modern scientific invention and no longer applies. Surely this is too sanguine. Those thousands of miles of distance still tell their tale. There is only one

possible source from which Australia and New Zealand are potentially threatened; Great Britain lies in the path of a score of possible hurricanes.

Mr. Curtis would seem to forget that it was the British democracies themselves which killed the Imperial Federation idea—with its Empire Parliament—stone dead after the war. The Dominions would not look at the project which Lord Milner advocated so earnestly, or if they looked hurriedly turned away. Even that promising germ of the Federation idea—the presence of Gen. Smuts in the War Cabinet—was abandoned. It was all turned down as soon as the war was over, and if the Dominions pressed for anything it was for the recognition of national status and complete autonomy except for the link of the Crown.

What reason is there to suppose that their attitude would be different to-day? Mr. Curtis does not say how the representation on the Supreme Authority is to be determined. If it is to be proportionate to the populations, the British members must be in a perpetual and overwhelming majority. Great Britain, in other words, would have the final say on every detail, on the quotas to be raised, on the taxes to be paid. Would that be acceptable to the Australian and New Zealand democracies and if so for how long? Democracies are not amenable to taxes levied from outside. Nor are the democracies easy to persuade that dangers which they do not visualise as close at hand are real.

It is true, and the point tells rather in favour of the proposal, that Australia and New Zealand are content to leave the conduct of their foreign relations in the hands of Great Britain—though other Dominions are already exercising their right to conduct theirs for themselves. But in matters of defence the Australian Commonwealth is striking out its own line, even in respect of its infant Navy, and it is difficult to believe that the Australian Labour party in particular would consent to having the size of its Military, Navy and Air estimates determined in London, even with the full concurrence of the Australian representatives.

Mr. Curtis would actually give the new Authority power to dis-train on individuals who refused to pay, so anxious is he that it should deal not with the National Parliaments, but directly with individual members of each nation. This would not work for a day. The collectors would be as unpopular as the collectors, and all the odium would fall on Great Britain.

And if the proposal is impracticable for Australia and New Zealand, how much more impracticable is it for Canada and South Africa with their much less homogeneous populations! Human nature has a long road to travel before it will trust its selfishness or its unselfishness on such a swaying bridge. "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

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Pastor And Writer

Charles William Gordon, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Winnipeg, better known under his pen name of Ralph Connor, died in Winnipeg recently. He was 77.

He died in the hospital in which his brother, Dr. Henry Gordon, died.

He was born at Glengarry, Ontario, and was a graduate of the University of Toronto. After a period of teaching and travel he secured the support of British Churches for mission work in the Canadian North-West.

During the war he served as Senior Chaplain with the Canadian forces, being mentioned in despatches. He was created C.M.G. in 1930.

In 1898 "Ralph Connor" published "Black Rock" and from then onwards there was a constant flow of books from his pen. "Canada and the Fight for Freedom" appeared in 1918, and "The Sky Pilot in No Man's Land" in 1919. Among his later books, numbering in all over 30, were "The Arm of Gold" and "The Glengarry Girl," 1932; "The Rebel Loyalist," 1935; and "The Gay Crusader" and "He Dwelt Among Us," 1936.

He was married in 1899 and had one son and six daughters.

REMARKABLE FEATS OF SWALLOWING

An Indian conjuror's remarkable swallowing feats, which eventually went wrong and necessitated his admission to hospital for operation are described in "The British Medical Journal" by Captain Rider Solderhoff, resident medical officer at St. George's Hospital, Bombay.

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1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

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1.15 p.m. Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Sailing On The Robert E. Lee—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins; Stop! You're Breaking My Heart; Whispers In The Dark (film 'Artists and Models'); Gone With The Wind (from the film); The First Time I Saw You (film 'Toots of New York')—Roy Fox and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m. Renter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Report and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Relay of the Rotary Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Speaker: A well-known lady resident of Hong Kong Subject: The Spirit of Christmas.

2.15 p.m. Close down.

4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Talking Through My Heart; You Came To My Rescue (film 'The Big Broadcast of 1937'); Henry King and His Orchestra; Waltzes—Cuckoo Waltz, Brigitte Waltz—Dajos Bela Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trots—A Little Co-operation From You, The Sheep Were In The Meadow (from 'Going Greek')—Harry Roy and His Orchestra; Big Apple; Peckin'—Nat Gonella and His Georgians; No More You; Goodnight To You All—Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Gracie Fields, Sandy Powell and The Hill Billies.

One Night Of Love (from the film); When The Robin Sings His Song Again (Parish and Coots); Ah! Sweet Mystery Of Life (Herbert, Young)—Gracie Fields; Sandy The Detective (Comedy Sketch)—Sandy Powell and Company; Ole Faithful (Carr); Take Ma Boots Off When Ah Dies (Carr); Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton)—The Hill Billies.

8 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Studio—Eva Turner (soprano) and Mrs. Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano) with A. T. Lay at the Piano.

1. Allerseelen (R. Strauss), Sonntag (R. Strauss)—Eva Turner (Soprano); 2. Album for the Young No. 13 (Schumann)—A. T. Lay (Piano); 3. Duets—Volklied (Mendelssohn), Herbstlied (Mendelssohn)—Eva Turner (Soprano) and Mrs. Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano); 4. Album for the Young No. 22 (Schumann)—A. T. Lay (Piano); 5. Du Bist Der Ruh (Schubert), Die Forlle (Schubert)—Mrs. Schreiber (Mezzo-Soprano).

8.30 p.m. Schubert—Unfinished Symphony (No. 8 in B Minor).

Played by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

8.55 p.m. Schubert—Marche Militaire.

Played by the Boston Promenade Orchestra conducted by Arthur Fiedler.

9 p.m. London Relay—Marty The Girl by Arthur Miller and George Arthurs.

The court room scene of this Tom Wall-Ralph Lynn farce adapted as a musical comedy by George Arthurs. Music by Jack Clarke. Production by F.H.C. Piffard.

9.30 p.m. London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m. Musical Comedy Selections.

London Rhapsody—Vocal Selection (Carr and Kennedy)—The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Jack Frere; 'Crest of the Wave' (Hassall and Novello); Haven Of Your Heart—Olive Gilbert (Contralto); Rose Of England—Edgar Elmes (Baritone); 'Crazy Days'—Selection (Eyton, Carter and Mayerl)—The Shaftesbury Theatre

Orchestra, London, cond. Billy Mayerl. Vocalists: M. Browne and F. Conyngham; 'The Gold Diggers Of Broadway'—Selection (Burke)—Regal Cinema Orchestra conducted by Emanuel Starkey with Quentin M. Maclean at the Organ.

10.15 p.m. London Relay—London Streets this Christmas-time.

A talk by John C. Maude.

10.30 p.m. London Relay—The Morris Motors Band Conductor: Sydney V. Wood.

Overture, Lustspiel (Keler-Bela); Escapade (A Mexican Elopement) (Phillips); Rhapsody, Owaln Glynndwr (Maldwyn Price); Jungle Drums (Kettelbey); Selection, White Horse Inn (Stolz and Benatsky, arr. D. Wright); March, Faithful and Bold (Rust).

11 p.m. Close down.

AUSTRALIA

12.35 p.m. "At Home and Abroad"

"The Watchman" 12.50 p.m. Musical Interlude. 1 p.m. Time Signal. Victorian News Bulletin.

1.5 p.m. Interstate Weather Notes, etc. 1.15 p.m. Stock Exchange Report. 1.20 p.m. Musical Interlude.

1.30 p.m. Descriptions of Sheffield Shield Cricket, interspersed with Musical Items. 5.15 p.m. Close.

6.30 p.m. Chimes. Fifteen Minutes of Popular Music. 6.45 p.m. Sporting News and Notes. 7 p.m. News in French for listeners in New Caledonia and the New Hebrides.

7.20 p.m. National News Bulletin. 7.30 p.m. Queensland and North Australian News Bulletin. 7.40 p.m. News, Markets and Weather for North Australia. 8 p.m. Symphony Hour. 9 p.m. "Our Heritage of Song" presented by Clement Q. Williams, Baritone. 9.15 p.m. "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, dramatised for radio by Edmund Barclay. 10 p.m. Organ Recital. 10.20 p.m. Musical Interlude. 10.30 p.m. Australasian News Service. 10.50 p.m. Dance Music by Jim Davidson's A.B.C. Dance, band. 11.30 p.m. Close.

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4.15 p.m.—Big Ben. 'Over the Hill Came Love.' A sentimental Irish story. Book and lyrics by Paul Furness. 4.35 p.m.—Music Hall, including Bennett and Williams (two jovial boys with their phono-fiddles), Billy Bennett ('Almost a Gentleman'), and Wee Georgie Wood (the Peter Pan of Vaudeville). With the BBC Variety Orchestra, conducted by Charles Shadwell. 5.35 p.m.—The News and Announcements. 5.55 p.m.—'Empire Exchange' Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and the Colonies. 6.10 p.m.—The BBC West of England Singers, conducted by Joseph Jenkins. 6.25 p.m.—Close down.

Trans. II (G.S.H., G.S.G., G.S.B.).

6.45 p.m.—Big Ben. Selections from Handel's Oratorio 'The Messiah'. Isobel Baillie (Soprano); Catherine Stewart (Contralto); Parry Jones (Tenor); Harold Williams (Australian Baritone); John Wills (Organ). A section of the BBC Chorus. The BBC Empire Orchestra; conductor, Eric Fogg. 8.5 p.m.—Short Pianoforte Recital by Sara Stein. 'Spanish Composers.'

8.15 p.m.—'Oliver Twist' (Part 7). A drama drawn from the work of Charles Dickens, by J. Comyns Carr. Revised for broadcasting in two parts and produced by Howard Rose. 9 p.m.—'Marry the Girl,' by Arthur Miller and George Arthurs. 9.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. 9.55 p.m.—Close down.

Trans. III (G.S.H., G.S.G., G.S.B.).

10.15 p.m.—Big Ben. London Streets this Christmas-time. A talk by John C. Maude. 10.20 p.m.—The Morris Motors Band; conductor, Sydney V. Wood. 11 p.m.—'Scrapbook for 1913.' A new edition of the first programme in the 'Scrapbook' series, broadcast from London on December 11, 1933. 12 p.m.—The News and Announcements. 12.20 a.m.—Keyboard Music through the Ages—12. Modern English Composers. Joan Boulter (Pianoforte). 12.45 a.m.—'World Affairs.' A talk by H. Wickham Steed. 1 a.m.—Close down.

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5.15 p.m. News in French. Market Prices, Rates of Exchange. 5.45 p.m. News in Arabic. 6 p.m. Concert Relayed from Toulouse. 6.30 p.m. Concert Relayed from Paris-P.T.T. 6.50 p.m. Maritime Talk by Mr. Yves Bretagne. 7 p.m. Relay of Radio-Journal of France (French News). 7.30 p.m. News in French. Rates of Exchange. 8.10 p.m. News in English. 8.20 p.m. News in Italian. 8.30 p.m. Relay. 10.30 p.m. Colonial Market Prices. 10.45 p.m. News in Portuguese. 11 p.m. Close Down.

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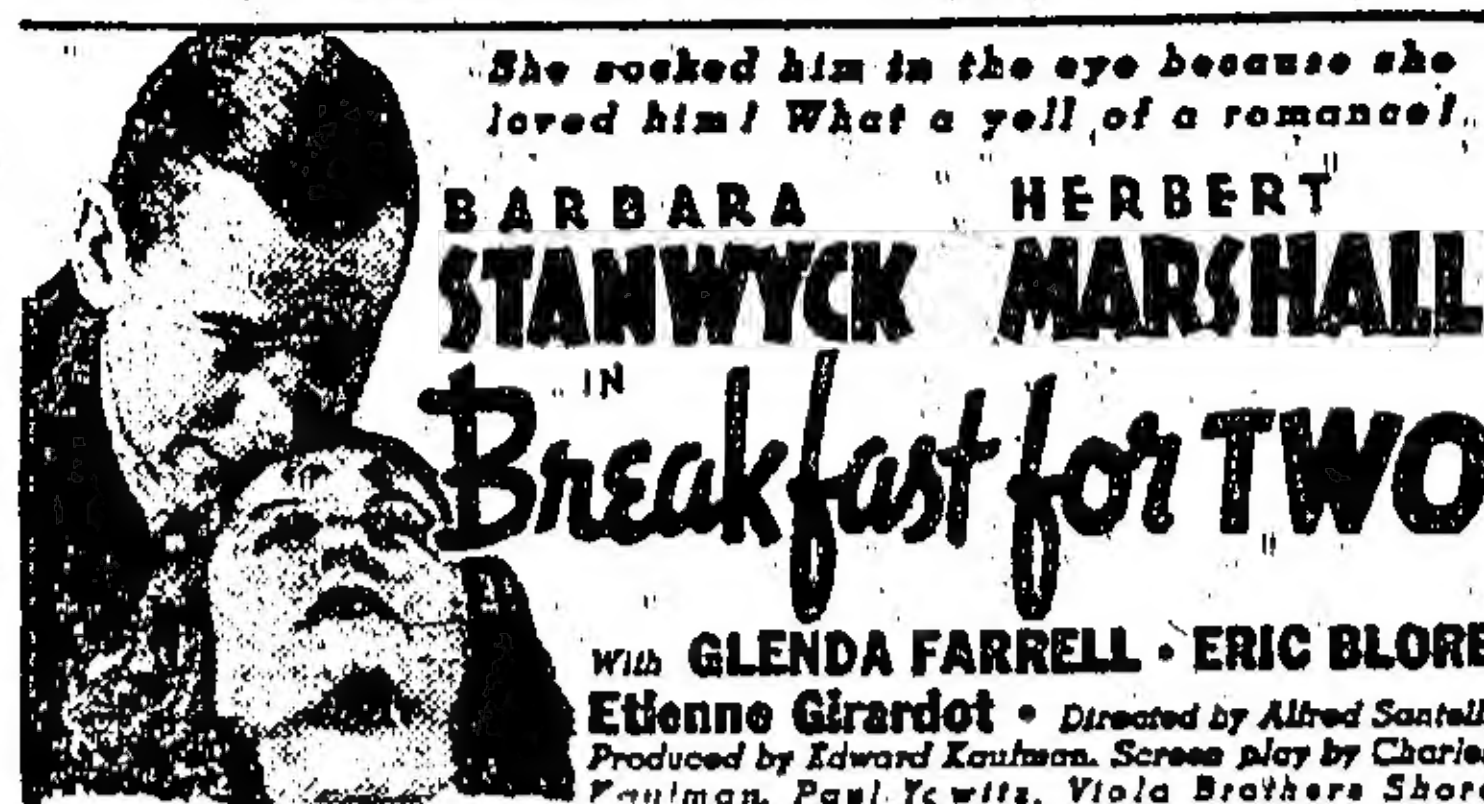
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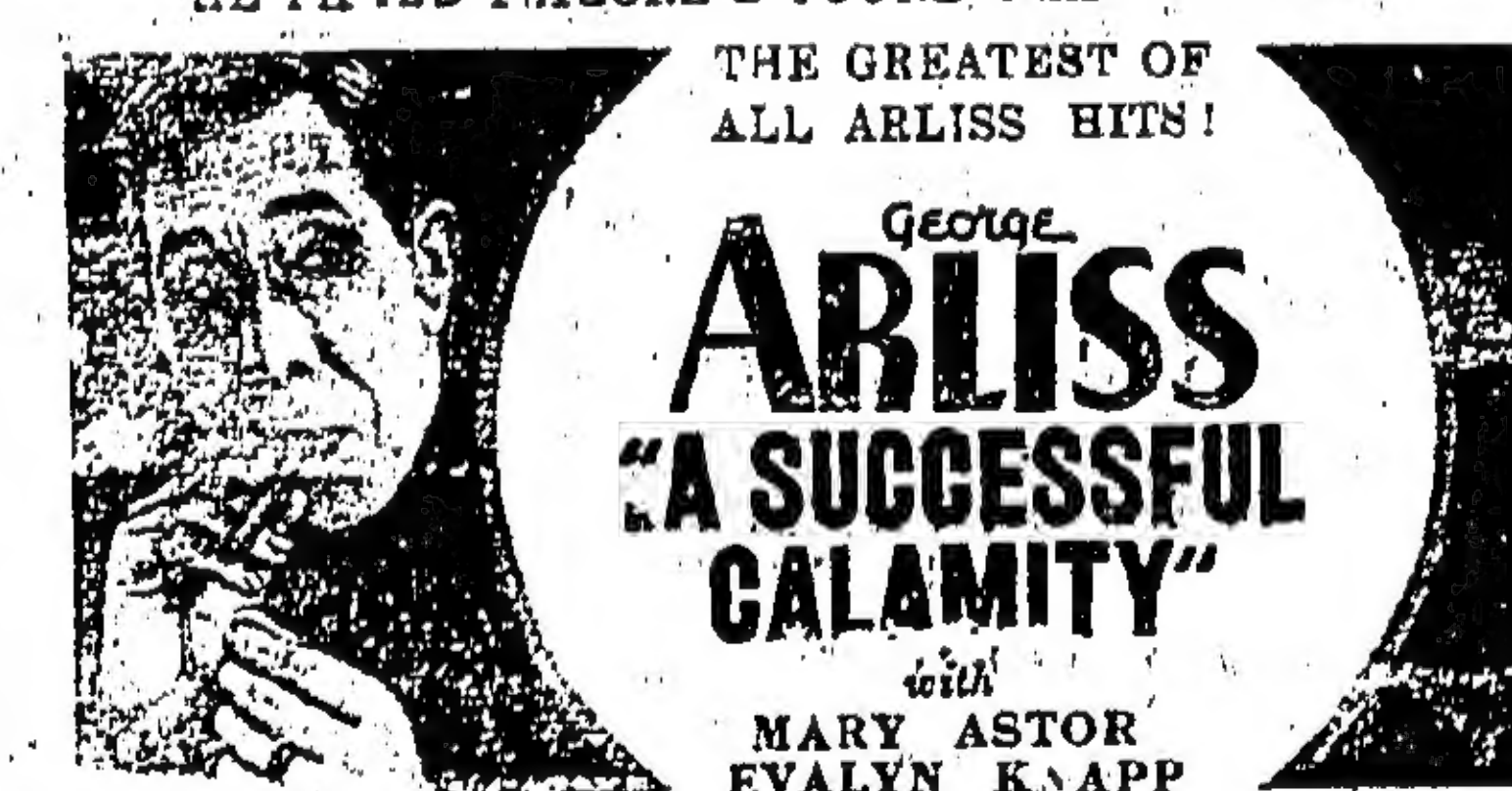


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FRANCE CONTROLS VISITORS

Paris, Dec. 19.
Measures to be taken in France to exercise supervision over foreigners visiting the country are not to be nearly so troublesome as press reports had at first indicated.
The Home Minister, M. Dornoy, at whose initiative these measures are being instituted, has made known that at the wish of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, nationals of those countries that do not demand visas on passports will not be required to obtain visas to enter France and genuine tourists will also be exempted from the measure.

All foreigners residing in France, however, will be required to obtain identification cards, the Home

LADY DOCTOR HONOURED

Stockholm, Dec. 19.
The first woman to become a professor in Stockholm is Dr. (Mrs.) Anna Svartz who has been made Professor of Medicine at the Stockholm High School. Newspapers reporting this event say that the day on which this happened was a historic one for the country.

Minister explaining that this is not to be regarded as an inhospitable act on the part of the French Government, but merely an unavoidable precautionary procedure to keep the country free of undesirable aliens.

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—
"Fire Over England"
QUEEN'S:—
"Breakfast For Two"
ORIENTAL:—
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ALHAMBRA:—
"Idol Of The Crowd"
STAR:—
"A Successful Calamity"
MAJESTIC:—
"Saratoga"

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KING'S:—
"Love Begins At 20"
QUEEN'S:—
"Mr. Dodd Takes The Air"
ORIENTAL:—
"Treasure Island"
ALHAMBRA:—
"The Man Who Cried Wolf"
STAR:—
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"
MAJESTIC:—
"I Promise To Pay"

FIRE OVER ENGLAND

All the breathless adventures of life in the days of "Good Queen Bess" may be experienced at the King's Theatre where "Fire Over England," Alexander Korda's magnificent screen spectacle holds the screen.

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Flora Robson gives one of the finest and most human characterizations in screen history as "Good Queen Bess," and handsome Laurence Olivier gives a performance that matches Miss Robson's (and that is no small praise) as Michael Ingolby, the impetuous youth whose life is motivated by the determination to serve his Queen and at the same time avenge the death of his father, burned by the Spanish Inquisition.

"IDOL OF THE CROWDS"

A thrilling love story framed against an ice hockey background, Universal's "Idol of the Crowds" opens to-day at the Alhambra Theatre with John Wayne and Sheila Bromley in the leading roles. The picture deals with the adventures of a handsome young amateur ice hockey star who is lured to the professional rink through necessity—the necessity of obtaining \$10,000 to insure a life of happiness with the woman he loves.

Wayne and Miss Bromley are supported by an outstanding cast of favorites, including Charles Brokaw, Billy Burrud, Virginia Brissac, Russell Hopton, George Lloyd, Huntley Gordon and Clem Bevins.

MORE SOVIET ARRESTS

Warsaw, Dec. 19.
Numerous arrests among the Moscow Officers' Corps have been made by the OGPU, according to a report in Moscow published by the "Express Parnay." Amongst those arrested are five staff officers. The arrests were made in connection with the investigation into the activities of the opposition organization.

VAN ZEELAND IN ROME

Rome, Dec. 19.
M. van Zeeland, former Belgian Premier, paid a visit yesterday to the Minister for Exchange Control, Signor Guarneri. He was received to-day by the Cardinal Secretary, Pacelli, and Cardinal Pizzardo. M. van Zeeland will leave the Italian capital to-morrow for Paris.

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES

NEW RULES ISSUED

Leave To Present A Petition

Husbands and wives who wish to seek a divorce under the new Matrimonial Causes Act, may apply for leave to present a petition before three years have passed since the marriage if they use a special form of originating summons. The measure enacts, however, that the petition itself may not be presented within the three years.

This provision appears in revised rules of procedure made by the Rule Committee of the Supreme Court and issued last night. The rules supersede those made in 1924, and include many new instructions made necessary by Mr. A. P. Herbert's Act. The rules will become effective on January 1—on the day on which the Act comes into operation.

KING'S PROCTOR'S DUTIES

Changes in the procedure for interventions by the King's Proctor include a new provision that where he alleges the petitioner's adultery with a named person, he must personally serve each person with a copy of his plea, omitting part as contains any allegation in which the person served is not named.

If the charges contained in the King's Proctor's plea are denied in the petitioner's answer, the King's Proctor must give to the other parties to the intervention notice of his setting down the intervention for trial.

The affidavit which must be filed in support of a petition must, under the present rules, state that there is no collusion or connivance between the petitioner and the husband or wife. The new rule says it must state "whether petition is presented or prosecuted in collusion with the respondent or any of the co-respondents."

The affidavit must also state whether the petitioner has "in any manner been accessory to or connived at or condoned adultery," or has condoned cruelty; and in petitions for nullity whether the petitioner was at the time of the marriage ignorant of the facts alleged, and whether marital intercourse with the consent of the petitioner has taken place since the discovery of the existence of the ground for a decree.

New particulars which must be stated in the form of divorce are:—The fact that paternity of any child of the wife is disputed; the date and circumstances of a respondent husband's alleged desertion, or deportation; and whether there has been any resumption of cohabitation since the making of any decree or order in previous proceedings with reference to the marriage.

Petitions must now include any claims for custody of children and for costs, and pleas for the Court's discretion. Petitions by infants or persons of unsound mind must be signed by "his next friend."

PROCEEDINGS FOR NULLITY

In proceedings for nullity the petitioner may apply for the appointment of medical inspectors to examine the parties, and the registrar is empowered to order them to attend the examination.

The rules of evidence now state that a Judge may, on application, "order that not more than a specified number or expert witnesses may be called."

Where the registrar is not satisfied that proposed variations, settlements make adequate provision for the children, he shall direct that the children be separately represented.

Detailed rules are given for the institution of proceedings by poor persons in district registries, and the provision of official shorthand writers for matrimonial causes is responsible for a fresh section.

PARALYSED SCOUT'S BRAVERY MEDAL

Scout Denzil Brooks, 16, was buried recently at Holsworthy, Devon after seven years of illness which left him paralysed from the waist down. Although he underwent many operations, he remained a Scout, and had study brought him every possible Scout badge except that of signaling. This would have qualified him to be King's Scout, which was his ambition. For his heroism in bearing intense pain Brooks was decorated with the Jack Cornwell Medal.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Anniversaries and Holidays.—St. Thomas, Michaelmas Law Sittings end.

Auctions.—Leasehold Property, Lammet's Sales Rooms, 3 p.m.; Postage Stamps, at Lammet's Sales Room, 5.15 p.m.

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).
Dances.—Chinese Youths' Medical Relief Assn. Dinner Dance and Cabaret, at Hong Kong Hotel, in Aid of Hospital Work in China, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.—Y.M.C.A. Christmas Pantomime "Robinson Crusoe," 9 p.m.; St. Andrew's Fellowship of Youth Concert, 8.30 p.m.

Malls.—(See Page 16).
Meetings.—Kowloon Chess Club, at St. Andrew's Hall, 5.30 p.m.; Mothers' Union, in Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.; St. Andrew's Church Council, 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Claims Against the Estate of Lum Yow due; Rotary Tiffin at Hong Kong Hotel, (Ladies' Day); Art Exhibitions at St. Francis Hotel; and China Building, 8th floor, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Moon.—XI Moon, 19th Day.
Rehearsals.—Hong Kong Singers, at Union Church, Kennedy Road, 8.45 p.m.

Social.—Craighower Cricket Club Weekly Tombola, 8.20 p.m.; Cheero Club Mahjong, 8 p.m.; St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship Christmas Party, 3 p.m.

Sports.—(See Page 10).
Sunrise.—5.58 a.m. Sunset.—5.44 p.m.

Tides.—High at 12.55 and 23.40. Low at 06.02 and 18.50.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).
Malls.—(See Page 16).

Moon.—XI Moon, 20th Day.
Sports.—(See Page 10).

Sunrise.—5.58 a.m. Sunset.—5.43 p.m.

Tides.—High at 12.07 and 22.52. Low at 05.19 and 16.03.

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9.30 a.m. Nielson Financial Review and Musical Varieties. 11.15 a.m. Sign Off. 6 p.m. Request Programme.

6.20 p.m. Local Market Report. 6.25 p.m. NIB Spanish News Period. 6.35 p.m. NIB English News Period. 6.55 p.m. Programme Review. 7 p.m. Cabinet Interlude. 7.30 p.m. To be announced. 8 p.m. Manhattan Merry-Go-Round Rhythm Revue.

Xavier Cugat and his Orchestra. 8.30 p.m. Tabacalera's "Sons of the Visayas," featuring Fanny Calvin. 8.45 p.m. Filler. 8.50 p.m. Tabacalera's Overseas News Period. 9 p.m. Mandalayon. Estate Programme. 9.30 p.m. La Hora Hispana. 10 p.m. Sign Off.

TYPHOID BREAKS OUT IN SPAIN

Paris, Dec. 18.

Typhoid has broken out on the Spanish war front and has added to the hardships of the troops, according to reports from Spain.

Both sides have suffered many deaths from the scourge.

Meanwhile, fierce fighting has started on the Teruel front, though little reliable news of the progress made by either side is available.

It seems, however, that the Republican troops have launched an offensive, and that in spite of inclement weather, they have made some progress.

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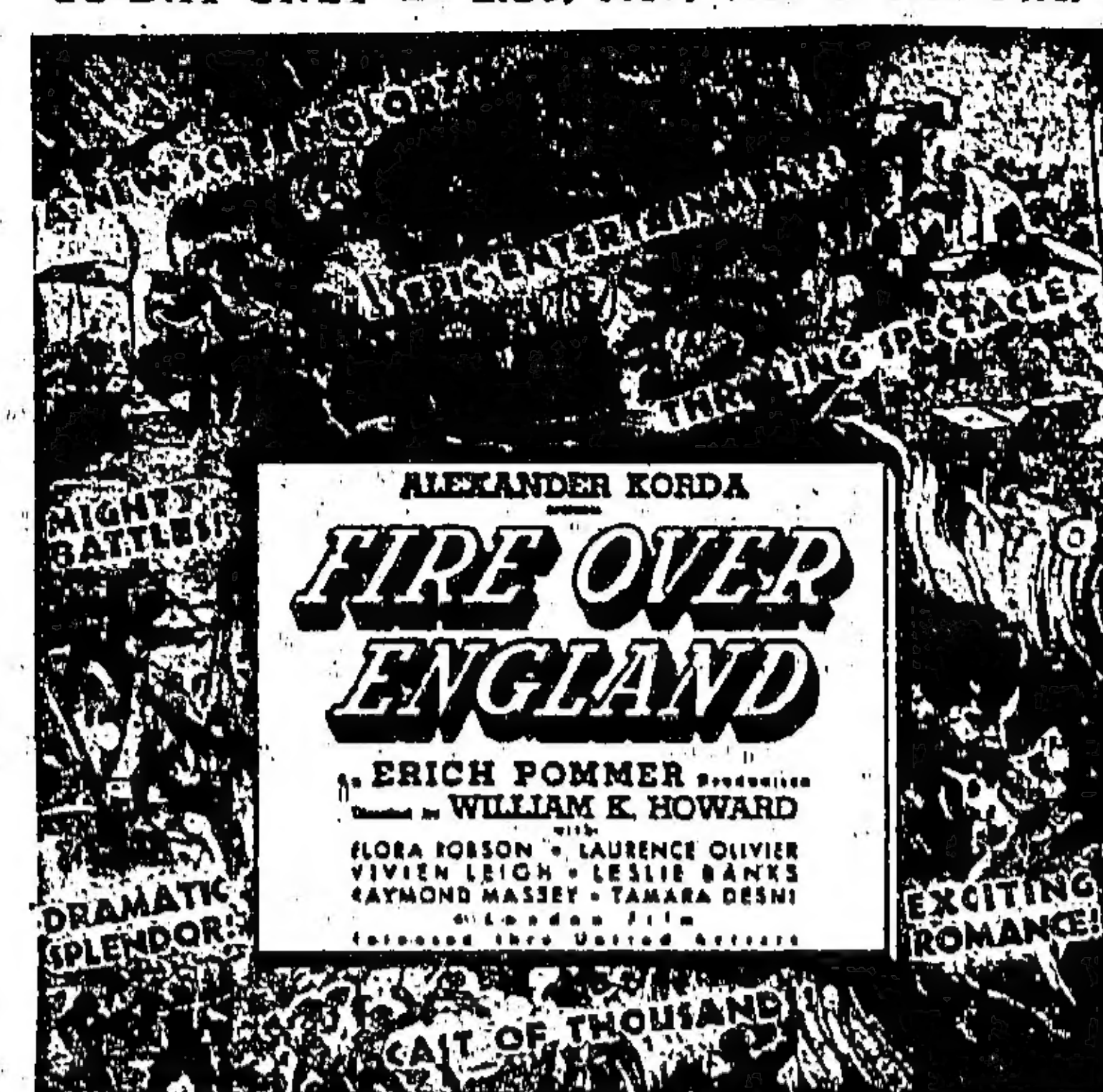
London, Dec. 18.

At Vienna yesterday, Sir Harold Hartly, F.R.S. Director of Research of the London and Midland Scottish Railway and Chairman of the Fuel Research Board was awarded the Exner Medal of the Lower Austrian Association of Commerce and Industry for services to industrial research. The only other British recipient of this honour was the late Lord Rutherford.

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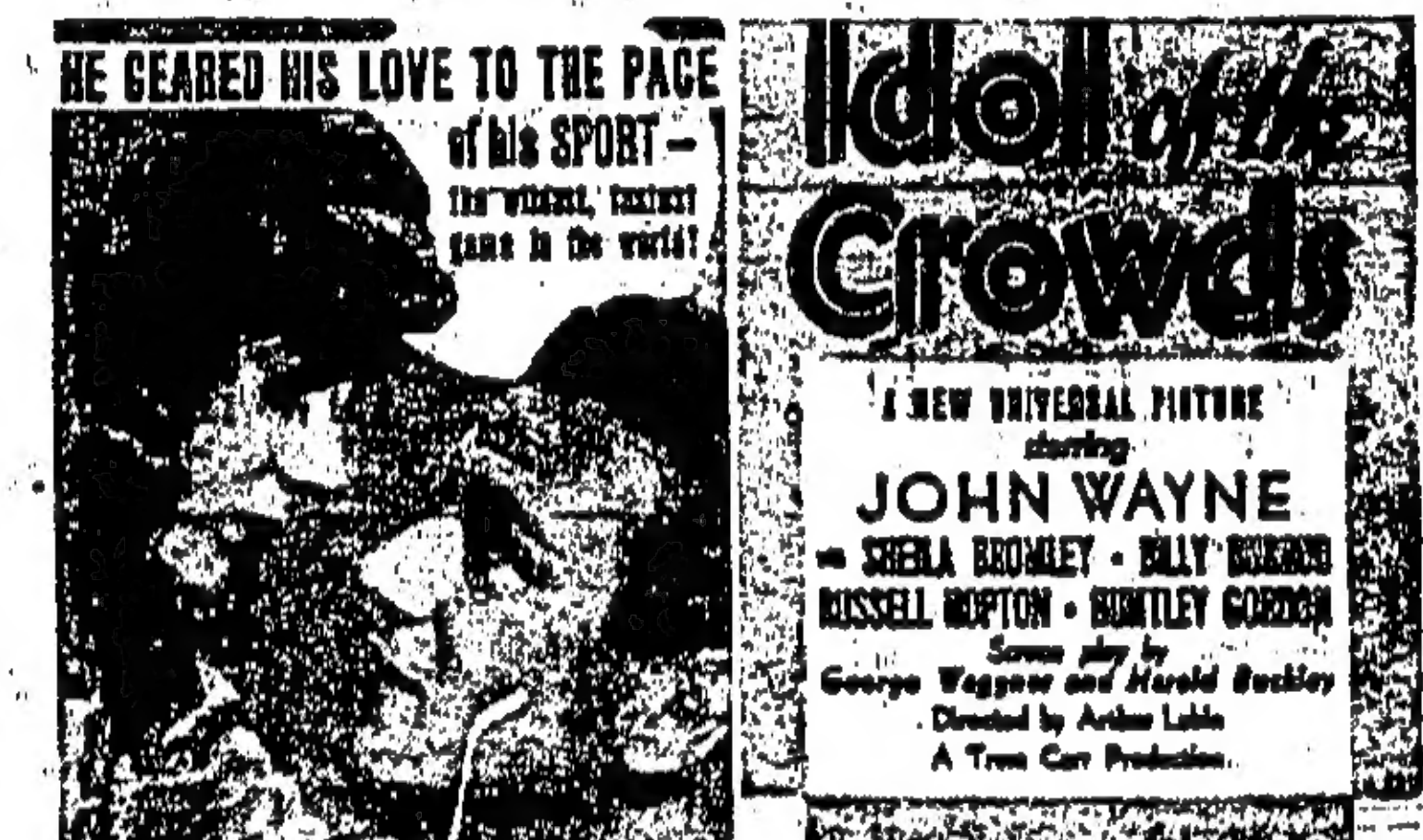
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NON-INTERVENTION MEETING

London, Dec. 18.

Next meeting of the non-intervention committee will take place on Dec. 22.

According to reliable reports, the meeting called for the purpose of considering procedure in withdrawing foreign volunteers from Spain, led to no agreement, although it is declared that details of the plan were discussed.

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Policeman On Point Duty And Royal Car

London, Dec. 18.

The newspapers publish an interesting detail in connection with the slight motor accident in the

WOMAN SPY EXECUTED

Canton, Dec. 19

The Pacification Headquarters here announced the execution of a woman spy on December 18 named Liang Yi, who was found guilty of being utilized by the enemy for gathering military information.

The age of the "Mata Hari" was given as 37; her native county being Shun Tak, Kwangtung.

International News Agency.

West End in which the King and Queen were involved.

A policeman on point duty, not realising who the occupants were, treated the King's chauffeur brusquely, ordering him to "get a move on and not hold up the traffic."

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JAPANESE ARMY QUICKENS PACE OF OPERATIONS

Large-Scale Campaign Soon To Be Launched On Many Fronts

Shanghai, Dec. 20. Japanese forces quickened the pace of military preparations in Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhwei as they engaged the Chinese forces in brief position-testing engagements at half a dozen points where large-scale drives are likely to break out as soon as the groundwork for the campaign is completed.

According to Chinese reports, Japanese troops which crossed the Yangtze at Chinkiang and captured Yangchow, launched an attack against the Chinese forces north of Yangchow. The objective of the Japanese troops is said to be Kaoyu, 45 miles to the north of Yangchow.

Meanwhile, on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front the Japanese forces are stated to have staged several raids on the Chinese lines near Wuyi with the intention of testing the strength of the Chinese forces in that sector. Another Japanese unit is operating north of the Yangtze according to other Chinese reports, preparing for a drive along the Hwai-nan railway. This force, which crossed the Yangtze at Wuhu, is said to have gained a foothold near Yuchikow, Hanshan and Hofsien on the river bank. The main objective of this army is the strategic city of Hsien, located some 90 kilometres inland.

Japanese troops are at present consolidating their positions at the southern terminus of the railway before launching a drive towards Hsien. Chinese troops are reported to have blown up all bridges along the railway.

Constituting a separate field, the Japanese military operations in the Chekiang and Anhwei areas are believed likely to be the scene of a bitter struggle between the Chinese and Japanese forces when the Japanese drive gets under way.

KIUKIANG BOOM

Hankow, Dec. 20. The new Chinese boom across the Yangtze River at Kiukiang, halfway between Wuhu and Hankow, is now in position, closing the river to navigation above this point.

A number of English and American gunboats and merchant ships which, for various reasons, did not follow the warships Capetown, Cahu and Ladybird down the river, are there bottled up in the reaches of the Yangtze above the boom.

It is hoped that the boom will prevent Japanese warships from steaming up the river and bombarding Hankow in an attack which the Japanese are now expected to make upon the city.

Hankow is now well protected against air raids, the Chinese army having the assistance, in patrol work, of some 30 Soviet pilots, using Soviet-made machines.

The Soviet pilots, with their smart bearing and friendly attitude and polished manners, have become exceedingly popular.

TELEPHONE BAN

The Chinese authorities have officially announced that the Yangtze is closed to navigation below Kiukiang.

The Hankow garrison headquarters has announced that beginning tomorrow, the use of telephones in the Wuhu area will be stopped during air raids in order to facilitate efficient defence operations. The only exceptions will be the military, fire brigade and hospital telephone lines.

CONFUSION AGAIN REIGNS AT TSINGPU

Hankow, Dec. 20. Confusion again reigns in Tsingpu north-west of Sungkiang as Japanese troops and Chinese guerrilla units are holding out against each other across a creek.

The inhabitants are fleeing in all directions.

10,000 JAPANESE CROSS YANGTZE DIVER

Hsuechow, Dec. 20. An intelligence report received here states that about 10,000 Japanese troops have crossed the Yangtze River at Chinkiang to the north bank. Chinese troops on the north bank, according to the report, have been instructed by the Chinese military command to take the strictest precaution against these Japanese troops.

Soviet Proposals Denied

Hankow, Dec. 20. The report that the Soviet Ambassador had arrived and conferred with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, to whom he is said to have submitted certain proposals, such as the organisation of a Popular Front Government, the employment of Soviet army officers and the despatch to China of Soviet planes and aviators, is flatly denied at the Chinese and Russian headquarters here.

M. Ivan Luganets, the Ambassador, is reported to be on his way to Urumchi from Moscow.

HANGCHOW IS THREATENED

Hankow, Dec. 20. Hangchow, one of the most modern and beautiful cities in China is threatened by Japanese troops whose vanguards have captured Chingshanshi. Gunfire is now audible in Hangchow and meanwhile the Japanese troops are continuing to push northwards from the Yangtze along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway by three routes. The centre is said to be advancing along the railway on the right wing along the Grand Canal, and on the left wing along the Hwai-nan Road. The rear Chinese forces in Chuchow are being withdrawn to Changpaoling owing to the threat of a flanking movement by the Japanese left wing.

PUSHING NORTH

Hsuechow, Kiangsu, Dec. 20: It is now ascertained that the main body of Japanese forces which crossed to the north bank of the Yangtze River last week are pushing northward into Anhwei and Kiangsu provinces along the Grand Canal, and the Tientsin-Pukow and Huai-nan railway zones.

Following the destruction of their defences by Japanese artillery and mechanised units, the Chinese lines at Hsien Nui Miao, northeast of Yangchow have been removed farther north.

Two Japanese columns are reported to be moving from Yangchow, one crossing the River east of Hsien Nui Miao and another column crossing the Grand Canal at Fangchihsiang. Both columns are advancing on towards Shaopo.

Several hundred Japanese vanguards were intercepted by a Chinese detachment near Shaopo and dispersed last night, while another unit attempting to proceed to Shaopo by a round-about way south of Shaopo Lake was also driven back.

The Chinese forces at Chuhsien in Anhwei have also been withdrawn to Shachochi and Changpaoling, two stations north of Chuhsien on the Tientsin-Pukow line.

As a result of the destruction of the tracks and bridges, the Japanese have been unable to proceed farther north along the railway zone and are now stopping at Chuhsien.

JAPANESE KILLED

Kinhsu, Chekiang, Dec. 20: Regular Chinese forces assisted by mobile units, launched a fierce counter-attack on Chingshanshi, north of Hangchow, at 8 o'clock last night, killing over 50 Japanese, who occupied the town earlier in the day, and destroying a number of light field pieces, military reports received this morning state. Cannon firing last night was audible in Hangchow.

FOUR TOWNS HELD

Hsuechow, Dec. 20: Despite the crossing of the Yangtze River by Japanese troops above Chinkiang last week, Chinese Peace Preservation Corps members are reported to be still holding four important towns on the north bank of the river, including Nantungchow, Halmen, Chitung and Jukao.

FUNDS FOR NANKING REFUGEE ZONE

Hankow, Dec. 20: The International Committee of Shanghai Red Cross Society has allotted \$100,000 in bonds for relief purposes in the refugee zone in Nanking.

The Society has received \$50,000 contributions from overseas Chinese remitted by Dr. C.T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador to America.

LADYBIRD TAKEN FOR CHINESE TROOP ESCORT

Findings Say British Warship Fired On Under Misapprehension

Shanghai, Dec. 20. H.M.S. Ladybird was shelled by Japanese batteries near Wuhu on December 12 in the belief that she was an escort for ships carrying Chinese troops, declared a Japanese spokesman to-day in releasing the preliminary findings of the investigation of the incident.

The official said the incident occurred in the early morning when the river was shrouded in thick fog and all distant objects were scarcely discernable.

A Japanese officer had told the inquiry that the Ladybird emitted thick smoke which resembled a smoke-screen. In belief that such a convoy could only be used for the transportation of troops, the officer in charge of the battery ordered the guns to fire.

The spokesman refused to answer questions as to details of the incident on the grounds that the investigation was still incomplete.

CHINESE RECAPTURE TWO TOWNS

Hsuechow, Kiangsu, Dec. 20: According to military reports received here, Chinese militia have recaptured Chingfeng, a town 30 miles south of Paoingfu in Hopei province while another unit drove out the Japanese at Pohsien in western Shantung.

Fierce fighting is proceeding on the north bank of the Yellow River in western Shantung and southern Hopei where the Chinese are reported to be gaining the upper hand.

The Japanese at Chingfeng are now fleeing toward Tamingfu.

Central News.

SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES

Tsingtao, Dec. 20: With a huge Japanese fleet anchored off the coast, and with Japanese troops pouring south from Shantung in three routes towards Hsuechow, strategic town on the intersection of the Lunghai and Tientsin-Pukow railways, Tsingtao and Shantung have been virtually surrounded on three sides.

Chinese military authorities here have completed preparations for the defence of the city.

Japanese cotton mills and other factory buildings in Tsingtao have been destroyed by the Chinese military as a precautionary measure and to prevent the Japanese from using the buildings as barracks should the Chinese decide to withdraw later on.

CHINESE FORCES WITHDRAW FROM CHINGSHANSHI

Hangchow, Dec. 20: Chinese forces withdrew from Chingshanshi north of Hangchow on the Nanking-Hangchow highway yesterday after their defence works were demolished by Japanese bombardment during repeated onslaughts.

Protected by a heavy barrage and preceded by a number of tanks, 800 Japanese infantrymen launched a fierce attack on the Chinese positions at 1 a.m. After a four-hour engagement, the Chinese forces were forced to withdraw for two kilometres.

At 5 a.m. the Japanese launched a second offensive. Undaunted by the first reverse, the Chinese forces put up even more stubborn resistance, slaughtering over 200 Japanese who dared to advance within their range of fire.

Later, nine Japanese heavy bombing planes flew over the Chinese positions and unloaded tons of high explosives. With their defence works completely destroyed the Chinese forces finally abandoned Chingshanshi, and withdrew to their new positions further south.

The highway south of Chingshanshi has been damaged by the Chinese forces to check the Japanese whilst Chinese mobile units are still occupying the hills around Chingshanshi to harass to the Japanese.

CHINESE PLANES BOMB JAPANESE

Linfen, Dec. 19: Chinese planes in Shanai have effectively bombed Japanese labour troops repairing damaged tracks near Yangchuan on the Chengtai Railway, 122 kilometres east of Taiyuan during the last few days, a report received here reveals.

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ADVANCE ON HANGCHOW

Hangchow, Dec. 19. The Japanese to-day continued their march on Hangchow, the great port south of Shanghai, so that military circles consider that the fight for possession of this town will begin in the course of the next few days.

Hangchow is regarded as one of the most beautiful cities of China and in the course of its several thousand years' history it was for over 150 years capital of the Great Republic.

To-day Hangchow has a population of about 500,000 and is not only a port but the home town of the celebrated silk and gold brocade industries. Japanese troops are approaching the town from three directions and it is reported that enemy troops have

made considerable progress in their advance.

The military authorities in Hangchow have been unceasing in their efforts to erect the strongest defences around the city in an effort to hold up the Japanese advance for as long a period as possible.

SHANGHAI-SIEHKIAO RAILWAY

Hangchow, Dec. 19: Traffic between Shanghai and Siehkiao, 138 kilometres from Shanghai and 81 kilometres from Hangchow, on the Shanghai-Hangchow Line is reported to have been resumed by the Japanese after repairs to the damaged track on the Siehkiao-Kashing section were completed.

With the resumption of traffic the transport of Japanese troops southward from Shanghai for an advance on Hangchow has been much facilitated.

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THE SERVICES

(By the Air-Mail, London, December 12).

ROYAL NAVY

CRUISER FOR DEVONPORT

The name of the new cruiser has been selected for the new cruiser to be built at Devonport under the 1937 construction programme. Her keel is expected to be laid shortly on No. 3 slip, rendered vacant by the recent launch of H.M.S. Gloucester. The Trinidad will be one of the five cruisers of a new type, known as the Fiji class. The other four are to be built in the private yards, and tenders for them have now been invited.

No details concerning these ships have yet been disclosed except that their displacement will be about 3,000 tons, compared with the 9,000 tons of the Southampton type and the 10,000 tons of the improved Southampton type. The name of the Trinidad was borne by a ship of the old sailing Navy, but no particular history attaches to it. The name was received in the War for a destroyer of the Admiralty "S" class, which was completed by J. S. White & Co. of Cowes, in September, 1918, when she was commissioned by Lieutenant-Commander (now Captain) A. R. Farquhar, D.S.C. This vessel served in the Mediterranean until 1923, and was scrapped in 1931.

DOMINION TRANSFERS SUSPENDED

Their lordships have decided that in view of the present need for trained men in the Royal Navy applications by ratings for permanent transfer to Dominion Navies are to be suspended for the present. Such an application should only be transmitted if the commanding officer is satisfied that it is based on compassionate grounds of an exceptional character. The Order does not affect existing arrangements for the loan of ratings for service in Dominion Navies.

CANADIAN OFFICERS' PAY

Commissioned officers from warrant rank and warrant officers of the Royal Canadian Navy serving in H.M. ships or establishments who are not in receipt of lodging and provision allowances are to be paid difference of mess subscription of \$1 a day, with effect from November 17, 1937. The amount previously payable was 1s. a day.

TACTICAL COURSE ENDS

The course at the Senior Officers' Tactical School, Portsmouth, which began on September 20, ended recently. In addition to officers of the Royal Navy, including Rear-Admirals C. G. Ramsey and J. C. Tovey, this course has been attended by four commanders of the Royal Naval Reserve, Lieutenant-Commander E. G. G. Hunt, of the Royal Indian Navy, and Wing Commander H. J. Collins, R.A.F. The next course will begin on January 10.

TROOPING VOYAGE

It has been decided that H.M.S. Enterprise, Capt. C. E. Morgan, D.S.O., which is due home from the East Indies on March 12 next, is to carry out a trooping voyage to China in March and April, providing that the date of completion of the new cruiser Manchester is not further delayed. The rest of the Enterprise has been deferred, and only docking and essential repairs will be carried out before she proceeds on the trip.

THE ARMY

APPOINTMENTS IN INDIA

The Commander-in-Chief in India has made the undermentioned appointments at Army H.Q.:—
Lieutenant K. W. Bois, Prince Albert Victor's Own Cavalry, as personal A.D.C., in place of Capt. W. A. Loring, King George V's Own Lancers.
Lieutenant J. A. R. Freeland, Queen's Royal Regiment, as A.D.C. to Lieutenant-General Sir Ivor Vesey, G.C.S.

Major-General M. Saunders, C.B., D.S.O., as officiating Adjutant-General, pending assumption by Major-General Sir Roger Wilson.
Brigadier N. M. Wilson, D.S.O., O.B.E., as officiating Deputy Adjutant-General.
Col. D. M. Evans, M.C., as officiating Director of Personal Services.

RIFLE BATTALION ORGANIZATION

Regulations for the equipment of the Army in India on the new model and amendments to existing regulations for all units are being issued, and 24 British infantry battalions will begin to reorganize this month. The first 20 to complete organization as Rifle Battalions are the following:—

1st Battalions.—The East Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Royal Norfolk, Dorsetshire, Wiltshire, East Lancashire, Queen's Royal, King's Own, Northamptonshire, and North Staff-

ordshire Regiments, D.G.L.I., the Somerset L.I., and Camerons L.I., 2nd Battalions.—The South Staffordshire, Suffolk, Royal Berkshire, and Border Regiments, Rifle Brigade, H.L.I., and Green Howards.

This will give most brigades a battalion to convert in complete form, and the stations affected are Jullundur, Nasirabad, Delhi, Nowshera, Lahore, Poona, Bangalore, Cawnpore, Ambala, Mhow, Lucknow, Allahabad, Madras, Ferozepore, Calcutta, Meerut, Peshawar, Dinapore, and Razmarr.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Col. K. F. D. Gattie, D.S.O., M.C., The South Wales Borderers, has been selected for command of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), in succession to Lt.-Col. H. C. E. Hull, D.S.O., whose tenure expires.

Major and Brevet Lt.-Col. G. A. Ledingham, M.C., T.D., has been selected for command of the 98th (Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry, Queen Mary's) Army Field Brigade, Royal Artillery, Territorial Army, in succession to Lt.-Col. and Brevet Col. R. S. Clarke, T.D., M.P., whose tenure expires.

BRIGADIER CONRY RETIRED

Col. John de Lisle Conry, C.I.E., has retired from the Army with the rank of brigadier.

He joined The Dorsetshire Regiment in 1901 and transferred to the 98th Berar Infantry.

THE QUEEN'S ROYAL REGIMENT

Lt.-Col. Hubert C. E. Hul, D.S.O., relinquished his command of the 1st Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment, in Allahabad and went to half-pay.

The new O.C., Lt.-Col. Kenneth F. D. Gattie, D.S.O., M.C., is staff chief of the Wessex Division and a South Wales Borderer who served in the 3rd Battalion, The Monmouthshire Regiment, of which he was adjutant.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

NEW ZEALAND OFFICER PROMOTED

Squadron Leader Andrew McKee, Adjutant and flying instructor to No. 500 (County of Kent) Squadron, Auxiliary Air Force, who has been recently promoted, is a New Zealand officer, born and educated in the Dominion.

FIRST-AID OUTFITS

A new Air Ministry order provides that one first-aid outfit will be supplied to all aircraft with accommodation for a crew of up to three members; two outfits for those with crews of from four to six members; and three for those with crews of over six members.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—
Crs.—R. A. Startin, O.B.E., A.M., to Hawkins, as Cdr. (D.) Reserve Fleet (Dec. 14); J. W. Joselyn, to Grenade (Dec. 22).
Lt.-Cdr.—R. C. Harrison, to Terror (Dec. 10); W. H. Roberts, to Victory for R.N.E.; S. C. Tuke, to Revenge (Dec. 14); J. G. T. Inglis, to Victory for Signal School (Feb. 9).

Lt.-Cdr. (E.)—C. R. W. Bolt, to Pembroke for M.T.E.; Catham (Jan. 3); J. R. Cooke, to Terror (Jan. 5).
Lts.—H. W. Loughborough, to Unity (Dec. 5); G. V. W. Harrison, to M.M.S.1, in command; M. Napier, to M.M.S.2 (Dec. 7); P. S. Francis, to Spearfish, in command; S. R. White, to H33, in command; B. T. Simons, to Titania; R. M. T. Peacock, to L23, in command; J. E. Moore, to H34, in command; M. K. Cavanagh-Mainwaring, to Dolphin; G. H. Reynolds, to H32, in command (Dec. 11); R. L. Alexander, to Ursula (Dec. 12); H. T. Harrel, to Ajax (Dec. 28); J. G. F. W. Roberts, to Exmouth; O. G. Cameron, to Tedworth, in command (Jan. 3); R. I. A. Sarell, to Drake (Jan. 4); M. J. Ross, to Excellent (Jan. 6).
Lts. (E.)—L. H. J. Masters, to Glorious (Dec. 29); C. W. G. Ham, to Pembroke for M.T.E., Chatham (Jan. 3).
Surgn. Lts. (D.)—F. S. Reff, to Caledonia (Dec. 7); W. R. Knott, to Repulse (Dec. 8).
Payr. Lt.—G. V. King, to President (Jan. 4).
Wt. Engr.—G. S. Coggon, to Hardy (Dec. 30).

Schoolmaster Candidates.—H. Bell, W. Carter, J. W. Claxton, F. W. D. Hawkins, E. H. Jenkins, S. W. P. Martin, C. R. T. Morton, J. Payne, J. L. Thomas, G. L. Tomlinson, to Drake for crse. (Dec. 5); and to Victory for crse. (Jan. 3).
PROMOTIONS
Surgn. Capt.—C. V. Grimths, D.S.O., L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to rank of Surgn. Rear-Admiral (seny. Dec. 2).
Surgn. Lt.—T. McCarthy, L.R.C.P., and S., to rank of Surgn. Lt.-Cdr. (seny. Dec. 7).

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TUESDAY, DEC. 7

WAR OFFICE, DEC. 7

REGULAR ARMY
Col. C. C. Fuss, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., A.D.C., h.p. retires on ret. pay (Dec. 8), and is granted the hon. rank of Brig.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

Maj. H. F. Atwater, R. North's Fus., relinquishes the appt. of G.S.O. for Weapon Trng. (Cl. CC), W. Comd. (Nov. 28).

The follg appts. are made:—Col. C. A. Murray from Asst. Dir. Gen. to be Dir., Army Vet. Servs., War Office, and granted the temp. rank of Brig. while so empd. (Dec. 1); Maj. G. Lloyd, D.S.O., F.R.C.V.S., R.A.V.C., to be Asst. Dir. of Army Vet. Servs., War Office (Dec. 1); Capt. J. G. Clarke, 4th/7th D.G., from Spec. Appt. (Cl. FF) (temp.), to be G.S.O. 3rd Grade (temp.), the British Troops in Egypt (Nov. 30); Capt. W. Heathcoat-Amory, K.R., R.C., to be A.D.C. to the G.O.C. in C. W. Comd. (Dec. 1).

CAVALRY

4th/7th D.G.—Capt. J. G. Clarke remains sec'd. for serv. on the Staff (Nov. 30).

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Maj. (now Lt.-Col.) A. B. Van Straubenzee, M.C., is restd. to the estab. (Oct. 25); Capt. T. W. M. Johnson is restd. to the estab. (Oct. 22); Capt. E. E. A. Lane is sec'd. for serv. with the Ind. Army (Nov. 1); Capt. W. F. Rycroft to be Maj. (Nov. 13); Lt. P. O. Lyons is sec'd. for serv. with the I.A.O.C. (on prob.) (Nov. 8).

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

Lt.-Col. E. O. Wheeler, M.C., on completion of four years' serv. as a Regt. Lt.-Col., is placed on the h.p. list (empd.) (Dec. 5); Maj. H. E. Horsfield, M.C., to be Lt.-Col. (Dec. 5); Capt. M. C. A. Henniker to be Adj. vice Capt. F. C. Nottingham (Nov. 12); Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) H. P. Evans having attained the age for retirement, is placed on ret. pay (Dec. 7); Supt. Clerk G. H. L. Lyne to be Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) (Dec. 7).

FOOT GUARDS

C. Gds.—Lt. R. S. Schreiber to be Capt. (Nov. 1).

INFANTRY

R. Scots.—Capt. R. F. Johnstone is sec'd. for serv. as an Adj. T.A. (Nov. 27); Capt. D. A. D. Eynon is restd. to the estab. (Nov. 27).

The Queen's R.—Capt. L. C. East is sec'd. for serv. as an Adj. T.A. (Nov. 24); Capt. J. B. P. Phillips is restd. to the estab. (Nov. 24).

R. War. R.—Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) J. J. Heath, M.C., D.C.M., M.M., to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) (Dec. 7).

R. Fus.—Capt. J. Oliver-Bellasis is sec'd. for serv. on the Staff in India (Dec. 5).

K.O.S.B.—Sec. Lt. C. G. Sherriff from Supp. Res. of Off. K.O.S.B. to be Sec. Lt. (Dec. 8).

Inniskilling Fus.—Lt. G. S. F. Middleton from E. Surrey R., to be Capt. (Nov. 22).

Welch R.—Maj. C. H. Kinnaird, M.C., is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill-health (Dec. 5).

K.R.R.C.—Capt. W. Heathcoat-Amory is sec'd. for serv. on the Staff (Dec. 1).

ROYAL TANK CORPS

Capt. C. W. M. Timmis is sec'd. for serv. as an Adj. T.A. (Nov. 30); Capt. and Bt. Maj. E. P. Ireland, M.C., is restd. to the estab. (Nov. 30).

ARMY EDUCATIONAL CORPS

Capt. and Bt. Maj. F. G. Keely, M.C., retires on ret. pay (Dec. 8).

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE

Miss D. Knight to be provl. Staff Nurse (Dec. 8).

MEMORANDUM

Lt. F. G. Tomlinson (late Manch. R.) having been convicted by the Civil Power, is deprived of the rank of Lt. (Sept. 7).

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments have been made by the Admiralty:—

Cdr. (E.)—W. G. Foster, to Drake for R.N.E. College, Keyham (Dec. 29); C. P. Berthon, to Hood (Jan. 5).

Pyrr. Cdr.—J. K. Totten, to St. Vincent (Dec. 23); F. J. Lloyd, to Pembroke, as Regt. R.F.R.; T. H. Trust, to Galata (Jan. 1).

Lt.-Cdr.—W. H. Dickinson, to Franklin (Dec. 6) and to Franklin (Dec. 6).

RETIREMENT

Lt.-Cdr.—W. J. A. Willis, O.B.E., M.V.O., at own request (Dec. 3).

ROYAL MARINES

Maj.—R. H. S. Teek, to Caledonia; A. H. R. Buckley, to Cornwall; D. L. C. Duncan, to Tamar.

Lts.—R. H. W. Kirby, to Courageous; H. F. S. Bowen, to Nelson.

Proby. Lts.—P. M. Donnell and D. B. Drysdale, to Cornwall.

Staff Sgt.—Maj.—G. F. O'Leary, to Nelson.

WEDDINGS

Three Ceremonies At Registry

Three weddings took place at the Registry of Marriages, Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. W. Aneurin Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, conducting the ceremonies.

In the first ceremony, Mr. Albert Chin Sam and Miss Lai Sun Tsoi, who were married according to Chinese custom in Tungkok District, in 1931, were again wedded in the presence of Messrs. W. M. Brown and Tsok En Kau. The groom is the son of Mr. Chin Sam, retired merchant, and the bride is the daughter of the late Mr. Lai Yuen Chun.

Miss Mak Sau Ying, of No. 213 Apliu Street, first floor, daughter of Mr. Mak Chuk Ping, metal gilder, became the bride of Mr. Chung King Wah, of the Hong Kong and China Gas Co., Ltd., residing at No. 86 Fuk Wah Street, second floor, son of the late Mr. Chung Shau Kin. The witnesses were Mrs. Cheung Kin Chi and Mr. Mak Chuk Ping.

The third wedding took place between Mr. Mou-tou Chu, of St. Stephen's College, residing at No. 27A Robinson Road, ground floor, son of the late Mr. Yu Hing Chu, and Miss Alice Wan-tung Zau, of St. Stephen's Girls' College, daughter of Mr. Zang-tung Zau, proprietor of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd. The witnesses were the bride's father and Mr. Tau-van Chu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Mr. Stewart Arthur Gray, journalist, of European Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road, and Miss Freda Elizabeth Godfrey, of "Clint," Furzefield Avenue, Speldhurst, Kent, England.

Mr. Victor Erwin Feimann, merchant, of No. 21 French Concession, Shanghai, Canton, and Miss Marjory Elizabeth Mackay, registered nurse, of No. 69 British Concession, Shanghai, Canton.

LOCAL ESTATE

Ho Wai Sum, alias Ho Tsai, spinster, late of No. 38 Hollywood Road, first floor, who died intestate at the Kwong Wah Hospital on November 9, 1937 left local estate to the value of \$400. Letters of administration to the estate of Ho Yin Yau, shop assistant, of the deceased have been granted to the same address.

CROWN LAND SALE

At a sale of Crown land held at the Public Works Department yesterday, Garden Lot No. 96 (about 22,000 square feet) situated in the east of and adjoining to Rural Building Lot No. 30, Pokfulam, was sold to the Hon. Dr. Li Shun-fan at the upset price of \$1,100. The annual rental is \$50.

HEALTH RETURNS

Three cases of small-pox, two of diphtheria, two of dysentery and one of puerperal fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the 48 hours ended at midnight on Sunday.

lin, on coming for trials and service, and as Asst. Surveyor, 1st class; C. W. Sabine, to Jason (Dec. 6) and to Jason, on commg., and as Asst. Surveyor, 1st class; J. D. F. Dowse, to President for duty with D. of N. (Jan. 14); G. B. H. Fawkes, to Dolphin.

Lts.—P. J. Norton, to Hebe; R. M. P. Williamson, to Guardian; A. B. W. Allport, to Eucharist; P. D. G. Mathers, to Glorious (Jan. 4); A. R. L. Butler, to Shoreham (Jan. 14); the Hon. P. C. Carew (F/O, R.A.F.), to Victory for Hd. at Gosport (Dec. 8); R. M. Galloway, to Proteus (date to be reported); E. M. K. Griffiths, to Swordfish (Dec. 14).

Sub-Lts.—R. A. St. C. Sproul-Boulton, to Oxley R. J. Clutterbuck, to Swordfish; A. W. Langridge, to Stevens, to Titania; J. V. Brothers, to Lucia; R. R. Simpson, to E. Boddington, W. A. Philimore, to Medway; R. Galehouse, to L23 (Dec. 11); C. W. P. Lee, to Sterlet (Dec. 11) and to Sterlet (on commg.); G. A. I. Graham, to Cachalot (Dec. 11) and to Cachalot (on commg.); H. A. Stacey, to Triton (Dec. 12); T. E. Barlow, to Orpheus; P. Chapman, to Rainbow; H. D. Verschyle, to Parthian (on relief).

ROYAL MARINES

Capt.—R. P. C. de M. Leathes, to be Asst. Military Instr., Deal Depot (Nov. 29).

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The order of Christmas services at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, is as follows:—

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Christmas Day (Saturday): Holy Masses at 7.30, 8. and 8.25 a.m. Service for the Army and Royal Navy at 9 a.m. Last Mass at 10 a.m., followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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GREEK FINED

Without Valid
Passport

Tzani Vlassios Vlachos, 53, a
Greek, appeared before Mr. R.
Edwards at the Central Magistracy
yesterday, charged with entering
the Colony without a valid pas-
port on December 13, and failing
to register his arrival within the
prescribed period.

Sub-Inspector Russell, prosecut-
ing, said that the defendant was
met on his arrival from Canton
by the police and told to report
his arrival in person at the regis-
tration office. The defendant fail-
ed to do so, and on being located
his passport was found to have ex-
pired this year and not to have
been renewed.

The defendant said he was in
Nanking when the fighting broke
out, being then sent to Hankow
and from there to Hong Kong.
He had also posted a letter to the
Registration Office on December
16 regarding his arrival in the
Colony.

Sub-Inspector Russell then said
that from information received
the defendant would have been
refused a visa for Hong Kong if he
had applied for it in Nanking.

His Worship administered a
caution on the first charge, a fine
of \$25 on the second, and issued an
expulsion order to be made against
the defendant.

V.C. CHAIRMAN

Cmdr. N. D. Holbrook, V.C., has
been appointed chairman of the
Kingston-on-Thames Local Em-
ployment Committee in place of
Adm. Percy Roys, M.P.

by asserting, for example, that
the Chinese people have wel-
comed armed interference in the
country's affairs, as is implied in
a recent manifesto thus: "The
Imperial Japanese Army, on
behalf of the Chinese people, has
etc., etc." Come puppets by the
dozen, they will yet fail to dis-
guise the fact that they are
Japanese creations and not legiti-
mately Chinese, as final repre-
sentations of national desire or
effort. The continuance of Man-
chukuo as a state has not dimin-
ished native Chinese opposition,
and the establishment of further
puppet regimes does not signify
Chinese submission.

There is no doubt that the
Chinese people, who have never
before been so conscious of their
identity as a nation, are un-
animously backing the Central
Government to the limit. This
fact, so patent to the neutral
observer, does not seem to have
entered the minds of Japanese
leaders, who persist in imagining
that the Chinese Government
can be considered as something
apart from the Chinese people.

A decade ago that might have
been true, but not to-day. Since
the Central Government was
established in Nanking in 1928,
a collective process has been
laboriously under way and, while
personal ambition and private
lend have not been entirely
absent, a point has been reached
where that Government sym-
bolises to the Chinese people
the hopes for the future. So
much value has the nation learn-
ed to place on Central authority
that the detention of Generalis-
simo Chiang Kai-shek in Sianfu
last December, just when the
fruits of his struggle for unifica-
tion were becoming apparent,
cast an unprecedented gloom
over the entire country. The
anxiety felt for his safety was so
sincere, and the desire that his
work should proceed so wide-
spread, that when the news was
made known of his release on
Christmas Eve there was un-
iversal gratification and joy.

It is small wonder that a
further and more serious threat
to the country's security, as
provided by the present Japanese
invasion, should have become so
readily understandable to the
Chinese and made them stand
as one behind their Government,
despite sacrifice and suffering.

If any further stimulus to unity
had been required it would have
been provided by the wholesale
massacres which Japanese air-
men have inflicted on totally
defenceless civil populations in
many parts of the country and
by the wanton destruction of
Chinese educational and cultural
institutions. These aerial bomb-
ings have brought home to mil-
lions who might otherwise be
ignorant of the full dread mean-
ing that the menace was some-
thing painfully real and that it
was not merely the Government's
task to resist the invaders but a
sacred personal duty of every
living Chinese man and woman.

China's leaders have never
once over-estimated the armed
strength of the country, but
neither have they underestimated
the people's capacity for con-
tinued resistance. Thus the fall
of Nanking, on the one hand,
has not caused any irreparable
sinking of heart. The people, on
the other, fully support the Gov-
ernment's policy of transferring
the seat of authority to another
place in order to formulate plans
for further resistance.

We say confidently, and with-
out misgivings as to the future,
that the spirit hitherto shown by
the Chinese will not weaken,
and there can be no end to re-
sistance until the Japanese come
to realise that they are not mak-
ing war, as they profess, against
a coterie of militarists, but upon
a whole people whose unexampled
forbearance has been taxed to
the limit and who are deter-
mined to see things through, no matter
what the cost.

Letters To The Editor

STREET SLEEPERS SHELTER

(To the Editor, "The Hong Kong
Daily Press.")

Sir,—I am writing a short letter
to report progress.

Two shelters for men are al-
ready open, namely, the St. Peter's
shelter in Des Voeux Road West,
opened on the first instant, and
the old Bailey Shelter (with en-
trance in Chancery Lane) opened
on the 17th instant. A third shel-
ter, which is for women and chil-
dren, will be opened in the B.
Block of the Government Civil
Hospital in a day or two; a fourth
shelter for men, women and chil-
dren, at the old Kowloon Magis-
tracy, will be opened before the
New Year.

All those four shelters have been
kindly lent to us by the Govern-
ment.

I should be grateful if any of
your readers can kindly inform me
of any vacant premises in Wan-
chai, as there are over 1500 street
sleepers in that District.

Donations can be sent to Mr. S.
Grove, Messrs. Thomson & Co.,
Hong Kong Bank Building, 3rd
floor, or to the South China Morn-
ing Post.—Yours etc.,

H. E. POLLOCK,
Chairman, Street Sleepers
Shelter Society.
Hong Kong, December 20.

NON-INTERVENTION AGAIN

A move such as Russia recently
made in the Non-Intervention
sub-committee meeting on Spain
may be surprising; but whether
it is to be significant depends on
the use to which it is put. Rus-
sia is now willing to grant bellig-
erent rights to the Spanish in-
surgent leader, General Franco,
as soon as "substantial with-
drawal" of foreign "volunteers"
has taken place. Thus one more
obstacle to the solution of the
Spanish problem is removed, but
not without leaving the possibility
of new obstacles for the future,
for Russia has reserved for her-
self the right to decide at what
point withdrawals have become
"substantial."

An interesting commentary on
Russia's belated adoption of a
more co-operative attitude is that
her decision apparently has re-
ceived slight notice by either side
in the Spanish conflict. With
new decisions to take as to how
to deal with Japan's violation of
the Nine-Power Treaty, with
Lord Halifax's visit to Berlin
posing new questions for the
directors of British foreign policy,
and with a British-Italian truce
still possible though postponed,
Spain has become a smaller part
of the kaleidoscope of Europe.

Russia's willingness to aid the
cause of non-intervention by com-
promise comes at a time when
other members of the interna-
tional Non-Intervention Committee
are finding many other questions
to engage them. In any case, it
is read in some quarters rather as
an effort on Russia's part to
avoid diplomatic isolation than as
a genuine effort to smooth the
course of non-intervention.

Even now those powers de-
termined to prevent the spread of
warfare from Spain could make
good use of Russia's contribution.
But at the moment Russia's
move has served chiefly to call
attention once more to the prob-
lem of non-intervention.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD CRICKET

Melbourne, Dec. 20: Scores in
the Sheffield Shield cricket mat-
ches are as follows:—Victoria 481
for six wickets declared v. Queens-
land 150; At Adelaide 4-8 South
Australia 217 and 34 for three
wickets v. New South Wales 337
and 104.—

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

If Gossip We Must

Dear Cynthia.

I have had a crowded week full
of pre-Christmas activities.

On Thursday I went to a party
to the Arcadians. This amusing
effort of the Philharmonic Society
did not seem to be enjoying much
popularity.

To those sitting upstairs on that
evening, it seemed that the cast
rather outnumbered the audience.
The performers were not dashed by
this in the very least. They seem-
ed to be enjoying themselves
enormously.

Mrs. Winter and Mrs. Valentine
as two unsophisticated Arcadians
sang agreeably and Miss Fullerton
gave a vigorous rendering of the
part of the gay widow, Mrs. Smith.
Mr. Cockle was amusing as Sim-
plicitas but I enjoyed Mr. Simpson
as the weary jockey better than
anything else in the whole per-
formance. The male cast was dis-
tinctly weak.

What a week it has been for
punters! Races on Saturday at
Happy Valley, and again at Fan-
ling on Sunday. The racing at the
last extra Meeting was good. De-
termined to recoup the losses of an
unlucky season, I paid more at-
tention to the paddock and the
ponies than to the fashions. I
saw Mrs. Croucher looking very

chic in grey, and Mrs. Stanton was
as usual beautifully turned out.

On Sunday at the friendly Little
Fanning Meeting, I saw lots of at-
tractive clothes. Lady Northcote
was in grey with a soft fur collar
to her coat, and Lady MacGregor
chose grey too.

Mrs. Turner was in dark leaf
green with a plink hat. Mrs. Fre-
dericks, too, chose a soft pink hat
to top off her grey tailored suit,
and Mrs. Donovan, who is a keen
patroness of the turf, was in
beautifully cut black and white
checks.

I saw Mrs. Ronnie Clark looking
very attractive in a bright blue suit,
with a small hat of the same col-
our. Miss Gerrard wore a "halo"
hat of soft yellow and gloves of
the same colour, to contrast with
her navy blue coat and skirt, and
Mrs. Barry's grey tweeds were very
becoming.

I admired Miss Duke's duck-egg
green suit which was amusingly
trimmed with grey fur and finished
off with a small fur hat of a faintly
Russian flavour.

Mrs. Dalzell was in rust coloured
tweed covered with a coat of large
brown checks. I saw the Countess
de Courselles in an unusual shade
of prune coloured tweed. Her de-

lightful little matching hat was
finished off with a vivid scarlet
feather.

Mrs. McAvoy was in navy with a
scarlet blouse. She was with Mrs.
Haggard, who had chosen to wear
a soft shade of rust coloured tweed
under her short fur coat. Mrs.
Oliver was in dark brown and Miss
Humphreys had a frock in a lovely
shade of blue under a brown fur
coat.

Mrs. Errol Turner too had a love-
ly fur coat over her mustard col-
oured suit.

Mrs. Shields was looking very
smart in dark navy and Mrs. Singer
was in becoming grey tweeds.

The racing was great fun. Mr.
Fielden rode a splendid race over
the hurdles on "Glorious Star."
Mr. Mackenzie's pony jumped the
fence and took a brisk constitu-
tional in the neighbouring coun-
try before returning to the course
to finish third. I watched the
country race with great excitement.
Mr. Archer made a strong finish
to win on "Beneath."

A cold wind blew during the day
and one was glad to snuggle into
one's furs.

All good wishes for Christmas my
dear,—Yours.

ELSPETH.

DON AND DOLLY

At The Gloucester
Hotel

Don and Dolly, a talented con-
tinental dance team, will appear
for the first time in Hong Kong
this week at the Gloucester Hotel.

Don, member of a noble Spanish
family, took to dancing as a pro-
fession after the Spanish revolu-
tion and his beautiful partner,
Dolly, was once a prominent mem-
ber of the famous Russian Ballet.
The team has recently been
through a most successful tour of
the Far and Near East. In the
Netherlands Indies they played by
special request at the Palace of
Z.V.H. Den Soeschoenan van Solp,
Sultan of Sultans, or Malay Em-
peror of Java.

The Press throughout the East
acclaimed this team as one of the
finest cabaret troupes that has
ever visited this part of the world.
Their most popular item is the
Rag Doll Dance and another
special is the Argentine Tango. In-
deed, tangos are their speciality,
although, as a whole, they are a
most versatile pair.

With the presence of this dance
team the Gloucester should attract
a great deal of attention during
the festive season.



Don and Dolly, talented continental dance team, who will
be making their debut at the Gloucester Hotel this week.

FINE AMATEUR FILMS

Film Depot Contest
Prize Winners

Some exceptionally fine amateur
films were seen at the Film Depot
office yesterday when the results of
the Depot's second amateur movie
makers contest were announced.

Shanghai war scenes, the Hong
Kong typhoon of Sept. 2, scenes of
Hong Kong's scenic beauty, a
splendid film on philately and all
sorts of other interesting subjects
had been most successfully filmed
by Hong Kong's amateur movie en-
thusiasts.

The exhibition of the films form-
ed a striking demonstration of
what could be achieved by the
amateur for cinema entertainment
in the home.

The following is a list of prize
winners:—

16 MM CLASS "A"

1st prize, Mr. E. Seyder; 2nd
prize, Mr. J. B. Emmert; 3rd prize,
Mr. W. E. Orchard.

8 MM CLASS "A"

1st prize, Lt. John Raby; 2nd
prize, Mr. George Lau; 3rd prize,
Mr. A. L. Fisher; Highly commen-
ded, Mr. D. G. E. Middelburg.

8 MM CLASS "B"

1st prize, Mr. A. J. Hall; 2nd
prize, Mr. George Lau; 3rd prize,
Mr. A. Gavin; Highly commended,
Mr. H. Way.

CHINA REVIEW

Chinese Shipping

Interesting views are contained in the report issued by the members
of the Chinese Industrial Mission who have just concluded a success-
ful visit to the South Seas.

Sponsored by the Chinese Manufacturers' Export Association,
Shanghai, the mission came to Malaya early this year in the course
of a tour through Siam, Malaya, the Dutch East Indies, Philippine Is-
lands, Indo-China, etc.

Excerpts from the report are as follows: The large number of
our overseas countrymen who are scattered in different regions of
South Sea Islands, and the large scope of cargo transportation are
two main points which fully justify the demand for a Chinese-owned
mail service.

At present there is only one single route on which Chinese ships
are running regularly—between Amoy and Singapore. Therefore, we re-
commend our Government to instruct the China Merchants Steam
Navigation Co. that immediate steps be taken to extend at least more
lines:

1. Between Shanghai via Swatow to Siam.
2. Between Shanghai via Swatow to Singapore.
3. Between Shanghai via Amoy to Manila.

A perfect bank system is indispensable to commerce just as a
pivot is to a hinge on which the door turns. Ever since the establish-
ment of a branch office in Singapore by the Bank of China, much
convenience has been experienced by both Chinese and foreign mer-
chants.

In view of the large number of Overseas Chinese there is suffi-
cient possibility for the extension of home-made products. Perhaps,
insufficiency of adequate merchandise exported from China and high
prices are the chief reasons which have deviated their interest in
home made products. The foregoing represent the most interesting
section of the report.

Chinese Military Attache

On his way back to his post in Paris, as Military Attache to the
Chinese Embassy, another Chinese General passed through Singapore
recently after conferring with the Government at Nanking.

He is youngish, General Tang Che, and was reluctant to give any
information to reporters regarding his mission, when interviewed on
arrival from Shanghai by the Messageries Maritimes liner President
Doumer. He was met by the Chinese Counsel-General at Singapore,
Mr. Kao Ling Pal.

Questioned about the Brussels Conference, the General, who is
a close friend of Dr. Wellington Koo, shrugged his shoulders.
"Other nations in the world should co-operate with us in our
struggle against a common enemy. We are not fighting to save China
alone," he said.

A fluent French linguist, General Tang Che is returning to Paris
for the second time.

KWANGTUNG EXHORTED TO RESISTANCE

Mayor Tseng's Stirring Manifesto

PHASES OF "NATIONALIST" REVOLUTION RECALLED

Canton, Dec. 20: Tseng Yang-fu, Mayor of Canton, has issued the following manifesto to the peoples of this city: "For five and a half months, China has been engaged in a war of resistance against Japanese aggression. During this period, we have lost certain territories and over 300,000 of our soldiers and civilians have been either killed or wounded, but it really marked the beginning of a further stage of our Revolution. Since these last few months, the heroic and stubborn resistance which has been put up by our armed brethren at the front has shown that the courage and spirit on the part of the Chinese people is doubtless enduring and unswerving. Experience gained in north-eastern battlefields since the beginning of war already vouchsafed the foundation of ultimate victory in favour of the oppressed. The first stage of Nationalist Revolution started by the Kuomintang was crowded with successes, including the successful Revolution of 1911 which overthrew the Manchu Government and the Northern Expedition of 1925 to 27 which brought about the downfall of the Peking military, consolidating the foundations of the Revolution. Now in the second stage, the mission of the Chinese Revolution is to beat down Japanese Imperialism and restore the Chinese race to its glorious position. The present armed resistance against Japanese aggression is beginning this historic task. During the first stage of the Revolution, the people of Kwangtung took upon themselves the responsibility of leading the country in the movement. The Yellow Flower Hill episode led to the realisation of the Revolution of 1911, while the mass movement started in 1924 was the mother of the success achieved by the Northern Expedition from 1925 to 27. In the year 1925, our late leader, Sun Yat-sen passed away, leaving Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to have the Northern Expedition completed with the support of Kwangtung people under his leadership and to

have brought China into thorough unification. Here completed the first stage of our National Revolution. It is obvious now that the gravity of the second stage of the Revolution again falls on the people of Kwangtung who must give their wholehearted support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The question may be asked: "How should the people of Kwangtung take up leadership of the Revolution in its second stage? Firstly, all able-bodied youths, peasants and labourers of the province should all be armed in order to defend Kwangtung and prevent the enemy from occupying any inch of our territory. We must exterminate all enemy forces and traitors within the borders of Kwangtung, and then within the borders of the whole country. Secondly, we must build a new Kwangtung with the assistance of sympathetic and friendly nations. We must proceed from the building of a new Kwangtung to the building of a new China. Lastly, following the fall of Nanking into enemy hands, it had been considered likely that enemy forces would soon launch an attack on South China. Thus the opportunity arrived for the people of Kwangtung also to assume leadership in the second stage of the Nationalist Revolution. We must deliver a severe blow at the enemy forces invading our Province. Not only shall we refuse to surrender, but we shall not flee as refugees. We must defend every inch of our territory with our blood. We are born in Kwangtung and brought up in Kwangtung, and we should be prepared to sacrifice ourselves in defence of Kwangtung. Our slogans are: 'Support Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Resist Japanese Aggression, to the End! Peasants and Labourers, Be All Armed to Defend Kwangtung, Cradle of the Nationalist Revolution! Shed Our Last Drop of Blood to Defend the Last Inch of Our Territory! Down with Japanese Imperialism. Restore the Chinese Race to Prosperity!'"

CONSTANT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

London, Dec. 20. Amplifying previous reports regarding consideration of the strengthening of British forces in the Far East, Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent says the exchange of views between London, Washington and Paris is constant. Hitherto there has been no indication from Washington that if Britain reinforced her naval strength in the Far East, the United States would take similar action. The Anglo-French discussion has been merely preliminary and tentative. No positive point can be reached unless and until Britain decides that reinforcement has become essential. In considering the position Britain will estimate the strength of Chinese resistance and the situation of the Japanese army if it presses into the interior. The Government is also considering how far Japanese policy is dictated by the military and naval

MASS MEETING AT CANTON

Will Support Generalissimo

Canton, Dec. 20: A monster mass meeting was held this afternoon under the auspices of Mayor Tseng Yang-fu, who gave an excellent speech before an audience of 100,000 people showing that South China is definitely prepared to support Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to the bitter end. A huge parade marched through the main streets of Canton, including soldiers, scouts, girl guides and other organisations, all enthusiastically voicing support for the Central Government against Japanese aggression. Between 3 to 5 p.m., all traffic stood still to allow a two mile procession to pass through the city.—*Reuter*.

commanders, and the strength of moderate opinion in Tokyo among the industrialists, traders and economists.—*British*



General Ludendorff

GERMAN ARMY LEADER DEAD

GEN. LUDENDORFF

Was In Attack On Liege

Munich, Dec. 20. General Erich Ludendorff died at 8.20 a.m. He was conscious and painless to the end. Ludendorff was born in Posen in 1865, and entered the infantry at the early age of 17. Six years later, he joined the general staff, with which he remained save for brief intervals of active service. He was in 1914, acting as lecturer in the military academy in Berlin. On the outbreak of war he was made a major-general and joined the staff of Bulow's 2nd Army. He took part in the attack on Liege, and was sent in August of that year as Hindenburg's chief of staff to the Russian front, where he was responsible for the victory of Tannenberg. He was second to Hindenburg in opposing the attack on Verdun and subsequently was placed with Hindenburg in virtually supreme command of the German forces. Ludendorff was a bold, enterprising strategist. He wrote a few books, including "My War Memories" and "Warfare and Politics." He had lately closely identified himself with the Nazi movement.

HITLER'S SYMPATHY

Berlin, Dec. 20: Herr Adolf Hitler, Reich's Chancellor, has sent a message of sympathy to the widow of General Ludendorff. A state funeral for the late General is spoken of but there is no official announcement in the matter yet. *Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR

Elected Chancellor Of Edinburgh Univ.

London, Dec. 19. Lord Tweedsmuir (formerly John Buchan), Governor-General of Canada, has been elected Chancellor of Edinburgh University in succession to the late Sir James Barrie, the famous playwright.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ITALIAN

Hankow, Dec. 19: A memorial service was held this morning for the late Sandro Sandri, Italian journalist, who was killed during the Japanese bombing of the U.S.S. Panay, according to word received here from Shanghai. His remains will be shipped back to Italy for burial.—*Central News*.

JAPAN PUSHES "CHASTISEMENT"

Cabinet Decision To Pursue War Conveyed To Emperor

Tokyo, Dec. 20: In a dramatic two-hour nocturnal audience on Saturday night, the Premier, Prince Kono, reported to the Emperor the Government's determination to "punish thoroughly" the Chinese national administration. The report embodied decisions reached at a meeting of the Cabinet held on Saturday afternoon to formulate Japan's policy towards China following the fall of Nanking.

The "Asahi Shimbun" states that the Government's policy provides for the "thorough chastisement" of the Chinese administration through the adoption of "an attitude of endurance in the true sense of that word." The Cabinet is reported to have decided that hostilities will continue "in view of the Chinese Government's failure to reconsider its attitude and its intention to resist Japan at a moment when it is reduced to the status of a local military organisation with four of China's largest cities, Shanghai, Nanking, Tientsin and Peiping, out of its control."

The same journal believes that the Government will follow "amplifying war results without relaxing punishment by military action until the National Government surrenders and shows its sincerity by reconsidering its attitude," and adds that although the Government is determined to sever diplomatic relations with the Chinese Government, the Cabinet saw no need for a hasty announcement of that decision.

"With the view of meeting the Chinese Government's threat of protracted resistance, the Cabinet is considering a general mobilisation of the nation's resources, national finances, thoughts, and other matters," concludes the newspaper.

CHINESE TROOP POSITIONS

"VERY OBSCURE"

Hankow, Dec. 19. The exact position of the Chinese forces on the eastern front following the fall of Nanking is at present very obscure.

While the Japanese are consolidating their gains between Nanking and Hsuanchen, 40 miles south-east of Wuhu, the Chinese are apparently reorganising and re-distributing the front line which is at present in the vicinity of Kwangteh, Ningkuo and Kinghsien. General Chen Chen, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces on this front, is at present reorganising the troops withdrawn from the Nanking area, having established field headquarters at Kinghsien on the Anhwei border. General Chen Chen had a very narrow escape recently when his headquarters was hit by Japanese bombs, one of which demolished the next room, injuring his Chief of Staff.—*Reuter*.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE RAIDED BY JAPANESE

Hankow, Dec. 19: The Chinese telegraph office on Markham Road in the International Settlement at Shanghai was raided yesterday morning by Japanese troops despite the protest of the American troops on guard, according to information from communication circles. Apparatus in the office was seized and taken away in several trucks by the Japanese.—*Central News*.

RUSSIA PROTESTS TO POLAND

Warsaw, Dec. 19. The Soviet has sharply protested to the Polish Foreign Office against "continued provocation" by the Polish authorities, and particularly against a Soviet-Polish frontier incident in which, according to a semi-official Soviet statement, two members of the staff of a Soviet train were unlawfully detained following the discovery of burning rags in a compartment, which were apparently set on fire by a Polish citizen.

A semi-official Polish agency flatly denies the "lying allegations," and claims the fire was started on the Soviet side of the frontier, due to defects in the Soviet train.—*Reuter*.

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TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

Will Not Be Recognised

Shanghai, Dec. 20. A Japanese Embassy spokesman declared this morning that the Japanese authorities will not recognise the transfer of Chinese property in Hongkew, Yangtszepoo as well as areas under Japanese military occupation to any third party nationals, if such transaction took place after the outbreak of the hostilities in Shanghai.

He added the status of Chinese private property in those districts remained unchanged. Such property had not been confiscated although it was subject to requisition "just like Japanese property in those areas are likely to be temporarily taken over. Payment, however, will be made for property so used.—*Reuter*.

U.S. APPROPRIATION FOR DEFENCE

Largest Since Great War

Shanghai, Dec. 20. President Roosevelt is prepared to recommend an appropriation exceeding U.S.\$1,000,000,000—largest since the Great War—for American national defence in 1938, according to a Washington report.

Nearly U.S.\$800,000,000 is expected to be asked for the navy and U.S.\$500,000,000 for the army. Speeding up modernization of the national defence system has been decided upon as a result of the threatening international situation especially the U.S.S. Panay incident.—*International News Agency*.

MR. EDEN PREFERS TO SAY NOTHING

London, Dec. 20. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, informed Capt. L. F. Plugge (Conservative, Rochester, Chatham) at question time in the House of Commons to-day that he did not propose to publish the British and American correspondence regarding Japanese attacks on British and American ships. He was in no position to make a statement and preferred to say nothing.—*Reuter*.

COMPENSATION

Capt. L. F. Plugge asked Mr. Eden for particulars regarding compensation to be paid by Japan for casualties caused by their troops to British soldiers and sailors. Mr. Eden recalled that the Japanese Government had partly accepted the principle of preliminary compensation, and claims had been made, and it was only a question of details regarding financial compensation.

Mr. F. J. Bellenger (Lab.) asked if claims in respect of loss of life are not in a different category from those in respect of property, and, therefore, would Mr. Eden press for the earliest settlement of same. Mr. Eden replied, "Yes, I think that is so. The principle of compensation has been accepted, and what remains to be settled are amounts and the question as to whom they are payable.—*Reuter*.

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FOREIGN POLICY CANNOT BE BASED ON NEUTRALITY

PANAY AFFAIR BRINGS REVALUATION OF U.S. ATTITUDE

The State Department marked time over the week-end, pending the outcome of the United States naval inquiry into the Panay incident, and the Japanese reply to the American Note.

Whilst determined not to close the incident until Japan gives precise guarantees of full respect for American lives and interests in China in the future, the Department declines to involve itself in any speculation as to what may happen if Japan's reply is unsatisfactory.

One reason for this is that President Roosevelt is in command of the situation and nobody knows what is in the President's mind, except Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary for State.

President Roosevelt possesses the means and the ability to rally public opinion towards stronger action than the mere despatching of Notes if necessary, but the dilemma in which the Administration now finds itself vis-a-vis public opinion at home is well expressed in an article in the "New York Times" which declares that the United States' refusal to act jointly with other Powers in the Far East as long as her interests are not affected, now leaves her facing Japan alone, with a major incident to settle.

INCONSISTENT POLICY

The newspaper continues to observe that whenever recently there has been any talk of a common Anglo-American front in the Far East, cries have arisen in the United States that London wants the Americans to pull the British chestnuts out of the fire, but now, says the paper, "we have some chestnuts of our own roasting in China."

The comment adds that the Panay incident has shown that foreign policy based on United States neutrality is no foreign policy at all. It is the consensus of opinion in America that even the Panay incident is insufficient to stir public opinion to authorise joint action, but with the risk of further incidents not ruled out as long as American ships and troops remain in China, it is impossible to predict to what extent the American attitude might be modified by further assaults on American lives and treaty rights.—*Reuter*.

REPORT TO EMPEROR

Tokyo, Dec. 20. It is understood that the American Ambassador, Mr. Joseph C. Grew, delivered a supplementary note in connection with Panay incident to Mr. Koki Hirota, the Japanese Foreign Minister, late on Friday evening, but the United States Embassy and Japanese Foreign Office refuse to confirm the report, and the Japanese press is silent.

Newspapers feature the fact that the Emperor gave audience to the Prime Minister, Prince Kono, at 8.30 p.m. and again at 10.40 on Saturday. It is understood the Premier reported very fully on the fundamental policies concerning China which were unanimously adopted at Saturday's meeting of the Cabinet which lasted all day.

Prince Kono also submitted President Roosevelt's request for assurances of safety for U.S. nationals to the Emperor.—*Reuter*.

SAITO ON "BLUNDER"

Washington, Dec. 19. While the State Department was expecting a formal note guaranteeing the safety of Americans, Mr. H. Saito, the Japanese Ambassador, broadcast a message to America to-night and promised that Japan would take steps to safeguard foreigners and foreign interests in China.

Mr. Saito observed: "Our authorities had not thought that such a blunder could have occurred," the "blunder" referred to being the bombing and sinking of the Panay.—*Reuter*.

MORE REGRETS

Tokyo, Dec. 19. Carrying bouquets of flowers and painstakingly-composed English letters, four high school girls called on the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, and his family, to express sympathy and regrets for the shelling of H.M.S. Ladybird. The girls asked Sir Robert to convey their regrets to the English people.—*Reuter*.



"Well, Mr. Ore-Belisha, sir, if youth is to have a chance, wot about giving our sergeant-major the push an' promoting me? The perisher's forty if 'e's a day." (From the "Bulletin".)

AIR RAID LECTURE

(Continued from Page 2)

They are not easy to use with hard materials as you cannot hammer them flat or they get cut on the stones inside. If you have to use them with hard materials such as shingle or ballast, try and use smaller sizes than you would use between shuttering.

Strengthened walls such as we have been describing can be used to put around existing walls of whose strength you are not sure, or to close openings in walls which are of themselves good enough. If for the former purpose, keep away from the wall to be protected (say 6 inches or a foot), as if you are doubtful of your wall it is probable that it is not strong enough to carry the thrust of the mass of earth bearing up against it and may bulge inwards and collapse.

TRAVESSES

This protection must be carried up to at least 5 feet above the floor level of the room inside. (8 feet is better) and to at least the height of any door or window openings, or better to above this level. These walls or traverses should be carried far enough to each side of the opening so that splinter can not enter.

All that I have been saying shows that shelters in buildings cannot be built on upper storeys except in altogether exceptional buildings of very strong construction. The weight of all the extra protection would be too much for any ordinary floor. Thus we are almost certainly limited in our choice to ground floors, basements or cellars.

Cellars make good shelters, as they have the earth all around them, and often have concrete roofs. The drawbacks are that cellars are harder to clear of gas should gas once enter and they may be flooded should a bomb nearby break a water main. If you choose a cellar it is as well to build a small kerb around the top of the steps to keep out such water. If a local cellar remains dry during typhoon rains it is probably good enough.

GOOD SHELTER

A basement would make a good shelter but would have to have its half-windows protected as we have described and the same precautions taken against flooding.

Also remember what has been said earlier about blast effects. Do not choose a room that gives on to a small courtyard, narrow alley between high buildings or into an airwell. A bomb falling in a confined space like this may have its blasting effect concentrated there and do more damage than it otherwise would. If possible, the ground outside should be soft rather than hard, e.g., grass rather than roadway, but this will probably not be possible to obtain outside the residential areas.

Other hints for selecting the room to be converted to a shelter: The room must not be near stocks, of inflammable material that might start a fire.

If a cellar, it should not be under machinery or heavy stores that might come in on you.

ALLOW CLEAR PATH
An inside passage-way will make a good shelter if you can close off the ends. The outer walls of the building will act as protection to the walls of your shelter, and the number of traverses and protecting walls can probably be reduced, provided of course that openings in the inner and outer walls do not come opposite one another and allow a clear path for blast and splinters.

So far I have hardly mentioned the roof. It is not so important, as the chance of a direct hit is so small. It must, however, be strong enough to hold up should the storeys above collapse and part of them fall on to the roof of the shelter below.

Sandbags or earth spread on the floor above is likely to reduce the strength of this floor by overloading it and should not be done unless the floor above is also the top floor and you are afraid of incendiary bombs. It may be well to lay an extra thickness of floor boards and to strew the beams or joists, but such work is better not undertaken except on expert advice.

SHELTER TRENCHES
When suitable buildings are not available, cover can be got by trenches. In fact the cover so obtained is perhaps safer than that in buildings. The difficulty is that there is rarely room in a crowded town. Trenches are also much more difficult to make comfortable and habitable. You may have to stay some time under cover.

To shelter any number of persons a regular trench system will be needed. This is best laid out in a series of trenches parallel to each

SALE OF PONIES

Good Bidding At Yesterday's Auction

A sale of ponies by public roup took place yesterday in the paddock of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, where some spirited bidding was seen. "Centre Court" was brought by Mr. T. K. Li for \$1,000; the same gentleman also became the new owner of "Racing Heart," paying for this pony \$250.

Mr. J. A. S. Alves, the auctioneer, obtained high bids for "Commencement Bay," but the pony was finally bought in by the owner, the price reached being \$1,300. "Bravado" and "Persian Cat" were withdrawn. The sales were as follows:—

"Centre Court" (\$1,000) Mr. T. K. Li; Australian pony, chestnut, 1938 sub. (\$60) Dr. R. A. de Castro; "Tim" (\$80) Mr. J. D. Elchert; "X" China pony, grey (\$150) Mrs. D. G. Marshall; Australian pony, chestnut, 1938 sub. (\$250) Mr. R. Bowden; "Racing Heart" (\$250) Mr. T. K. Li; "King's Highway" (price reached \$345) owner; "X" China pony, bay, 1938 sub. (price reached \$145) owner; "Commencement Bay" (\$1,300) owner; "Hogmanay" (\$40) Mr. Leung Yik; "X" China pony, grey (\$30) Mr. L. W. Mordvitch; "X" China pony, grey (\$25) Lieut. Dobson; "Solera" (\$55) Mr. T. S. Fraser; "Monoplane" (\$25) Lieut. J. H. Munro; "Mayflower" (\$45) Mr. G. W. Hook; "Popular Star" (\$118) Lieut. J. H. Munro; "Philanderer" (\$55) Mr. J. P. Ward; "National Faith" (65) Mr. J. R. Paton; "X" China pony, bay (\$45) Mrs. W. Old.

Buyers of ponies marked "X" were required to undertake not to export them from Hong Kong during present Sino-Japanese hostilities.

other but in a zig-zag formation. If trenches are straight, an unlucky hit may cause damage all up and down its length. Trenches are themselves made as narrow as possible, 2 feet in at the bottom and 7 feet deep, and to house the occupants the trench is widened to 3 feet 6 inches or 4 feet in lengths of 15 feet, and fitted with a seat in the recess thus formed. Such a recess will hold 12 to 15 persons. The recesses should be on alternate sides of the trench and each recess should be at least 10 feet from the ones on either side.

Thus one arm of your zigzag trench can be 50 feet long, viz: 5 feet passage, 15 feet recess, 10 feet passage, 15 feet recess, 5 feet passage or 50 feet in all.

If possible, an entrance should be provided at the end of each trench. At the most, three such trenches should share a common entrance. No part of one trench must come within 20 feet of its neighbours right and left.

COMMUNICATION TRENCH
There must be a travel trench or communication trench connecting the ends of the trenches, so that people finding one trench full may move on to the next. People once underground show considerable reluctance to "come out" again and so may stay in and overcrowd one such shelter when the next one has plenty of room. If the trenches are more than four or five "arms" long, there should be another travel trench across the far ends of the shelter trenches and really big systems where the trenches might be many "arms" long, would have connecting trenches at intervals up and down their lengths. Such are not likely to be made in Hong Kong for lack of room.

To keep out rain and to render these trench shelters gas-proof the part that is occupied is roofed in against splinters of bombs and falling bricks etc. from buildings nearby. The roof is simply made of timber, or timber and corrugated iron covered with earth to a thickness of about 2 ft. 6 in. to 2 ft. 9 in. If the top 8 to 9 inches can be made of brick rubble, broken stone or other hard material, so much the better. This roofing should be carried out on each side of the trench for at least 2 ft. 6 in., and a small drain should be dug along the edge of each roof to catch water from the surrounding land that might run in under the roof and thus into the trench. Roofs would only be put over the parts of the trench occupied and their connecting passages, leaving the travel trenches at the end open. Thus where each of the shelter trenches comes into a travel trench, there would be a length of passage trench longer than the usual length between recesses, say up to 15 feet long, to fit gas curtains in and make a gas lock.

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H.K. POLICE RESERVE

(Orders by Mr. C. G. Ferdue, Acting Inspector General of Police)

GENERAL

The Inspector General of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) wish all ranks of the Hong Kong Police Reserve a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

CHINESE COMPANY

Commendation: Constables R20 Leung On Tai and R5 Woo How Ching are commended by the Inspector General of Police for alertness and zeal shown whilst on duty in Kansu Street at 12.05 hours on September 16, 1937 by giving chase and assisting in securing the arrest of a Chinese male Tse Fel who was subsequently charged with and convicted of:—

(a) Burglary,
(b) Being in possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

Tse Fel was sentenced to 8 months imprisonment on the first charge and 3 months' imprisonment on the second charge, the sentences to run concurrently. He was also recommended for banishment.

Anti Gas Lectures: The under-mentioned members will report daily at Chinese Company Headquarters at 17.30 hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, December 20, 21, 22, and 24 for Anti-Gas Course Lectures:—

Constables: R1 Harry Lau, R2 Chan Tak Chiu, R3 Luk Ying Choi, R4 Tam Hui Fung, R5 Woo How Ching, R6 Chan Shik Chun, R9 Wong Yue Shuen, R11 Kwok She Shau, R14 Leung Fat, R15 Chan Wing Soon, and R20 Leung On Tai.

Inspection Parade: All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, December 23 at 17.30 hours for a general inspection of equipment, etc., by the Company Commander. Dress: Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Truncheon, "Pocket Policeman" and note-book to be carried. The Equipment Officer will make a point of being present.

Patrol Duty: Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

INDIAN COMPANY

Patrol Duty: Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Training Course (Part II): The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, December 21 at 17.30 hours:—

Constables: R248 M. Y. Khan, R211 S. Aras, R242 A. Aziz, R215 Feroz Khan, R219 Nur Ahmed, R223 Firdos Khan, R229 Mohamed Rashid, Malik, R230 Mohamed Asghar, R279 Mir-Wall Khan, and R221 Hakim Ali.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE
Meeting:—A N.C.O.'s meeting will be held at the Emergency Unit Reserve Club on Wednesday, December 22 at 17.30 hours. All N.C.O.'s will attend.

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XMAS DANCE

A special Xmas dance for seafarers will be held at the Sailors' Home and Missions to Seamen tomorrow at 9 p.m. Admission is free to seafarers and ladies are admitted by courtesy.

MR. C. V. WHITNEY'S RETIREMENT

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney has temporarily retired from the turf, and 15 of his horses have been sold for £23,820. The sale was the most important of its kind in Maryland turf history.

Mr. Whitney regards his retirement merely as temporary and said recently when he had an opportunity to devote personal attention to his stable he would be back in racing. In the meantime his wife has expanded her stable of jumpers by taking over some of her husband's former flat race-horses, which will be put to jumping.

The horse which won most money was Dauber, which was sold to Mr. W. Du Pont, jun., a member of the Jockey Club, for \$29,000 (about £5,800), while the Obier, which was rated as Dauber's superior at the beginning of the season, was sold to Mr. Maxwell Howard for \$14,100 (about £2,820).

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB

PRESIDENT'S TEAM VICTORIOUS

The Annual President's and Captain's Match held on Sunday, the 19th, resulted in a victory for the former team by 18 points to 13; points, silver spoons being presented to members of the winning team after the day's play. At the fifteen interval a sum of over \$300 was raised for the Children's Playground Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

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BOGEY (PAR) POOL FANLING

New Course on December 18-19, was won by H. J. Armstrong (16) all square. There were 11 entries.

LOCAL YACHTING

LADIES' SERIES RESULTS

Win For Jean

The result of the seventh ladies' race of the first series of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club was sailed yesterday afternoon and resulted in a win for Jean in the "A" Class and Winkle in the Mixed Classes. Detailed results were as follows:—

Class	Finished	Corr.	Pos.
Nereid II	16.35.41	16.35.41	1
(Mrs. M. Barry)			
Artemis	16.32.15	16.32.15	3
(Miss M. Whittham)			
Eve	16.36.08	16.36.08	6
(Mrs. J. Bader)			
True Blue	16.38.33	16.38.33	7
(Mrs. G. D. Adams)			
Kittiwake	16.40.13	16.40.13	2
(Miss P. M. King)			
Jean	16.28.00	16.28.00	1
(Mrs. E. R. Edwards)			
La Linda	16.32.41	16.32.41	4
(Mrs. D'Arcy Evans)			

Mixed Classes	Started at 14.55
Dorothea	16.35.24 16.35.24 3 7
(Miss B. Fair)	
Winkle	16.46.12 16.33.18 1 10
(Mrs. McClatchie)	
Heron	16.55.40 16.44.17 6 4
(Mrs. B. M. Hodgkinson)	
Widgeon	16.45.40 16.33.32 2 8
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)	
Nannette	16.55.07 16.42.13 5 5
(Miss O. Patchett)	
Zephyr	16.53.50 16.40.56 4 6
(Mrs. J. O. Pattullo)	

SOFT BALL LEAGUE MEETING

At a meeting of the Hong Kong Soft Ball League, held at the Hotel Cecil last night, it was decided to ask the Hong Kong Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association to sponsor and organise the running of the International League which is due to start in the near future. The net proceeds from this competition would be handed to the Association for them to dispose of.

Mr. R. Lau of the Vets, making the proposal, said he thought this would be a good method of giving the League publicity and would help to popularise the game locally. The motion was carried unanimously.

Sporting

Fixtures

TU-DAY

Meeting:—Kowloon Chess Club, at St. Andrew's Hall, 6.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Cricket:—Triangular "Tournament, Army v. Navy (Club-ground).
Hockey:—Seafarths v. Police (Sookunpo), 2.30 p.m.

Racing:—Entries close for the Macao Race Meeting.
Rugby:—Club "A" v. Royal Engineers (Club-ground), 4.45 p.m.
Shooting:—Hong Kong Rifle Association Weekly, Spoon and Practice Shoot, Army Range, Kowloon City, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

Cricket:—Triangular Tournament, Army v. Navy (Club ground).
Football:—Army Football League Final, "A" Coy. Middlesex v. "A" Coy. Seafarths (Sookunpo), 3 p.m. Distribution of prizes.
Hockey:—Seafarths v. Royal Corps of Signals (Chatham Road), 4 p.m.

Shooting:—N. R. A. Overseas Practice (Kowloon City ranges), 2 p.m.

HOCKEY

The following will represent the 1st Eleven of the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Army in the Triangular Tournament game on the Club ground, King's Park, on December 22 at 4.30 p.m.:—
V. M. Benwell; R. A. Wallace, E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed, J. E. Potter, S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Captain), B. I. Bickford, and V. Bond.

DONALD BUDGE BEATEN

Sydney, Dec. 19.
In a friendly match between the United States and Australia here to-day, the young Australian tennis player, John Bromwich, beat the world champion, Donald Budge, the scores being 6-2, 6-3, 8-10 and 6-4.
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GLASSES FITTED TO EYEBALLS

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A centre has been opened at 18, Cavendish Square for the supply of what are called "contact glasses." These are, in effect, spectacles which are fitted directly to the eyeball itself, under the eyelids, and which, in consequence, can scarcely be seen. The new centre is being conducted, as is announced in the "Lancet," under the direction of an advisory committee of ophthalmologists including Sir John Parsons, Sir William Lister, Mr. Leslie Paton, Mr. Foster Moore, Mr. McMullen, and Wing Commander Livingston. No patient will be treated who is not sent or accompanied by a doctor.

DR. JOSEF DALLOS

The new glasses were devised by Dr. Josef Dallos, of Budapest, in order that individual abnormalities might be treated individually by an exact approximation of the contact lens to the shape of the eyeball. Ophthalmologists from this country visited Dr. Dallos and were so impressed by his method that they resolved to introduce it into England.

"The original scheme," the "Lancet" says, "was to take moulds here and to send them to Budapest, where a contact lens of the same shape would be ground and sent back. But Dr. Dallos has now come himself to England. His help is available to all ophthalmologists who will be able to take advantage of his special knowledge."

HIGH COST

The process of fitting contact glasses is elaborate and laborious and the cost is necessarily high; there is thus no reason to suppose that they will be used extensively for ordinary errors of refraction. But in extraordinary cases their virtue after the wearer has become accustomed to them is said to be beyond doubt.

"High myopes will benefit," the "Lancet" states, "from the increase in the field of vision and in the size of the retinal image; aphakic patients will find their sense of disorientation abolished by the return of the apparent size of objects to normal and the loss of peripheral distortion; thus after extraction of one lens for cataract a monocular contact lens can be used to re-establish binocular vision. Surface irregularities such as conical cornea, irregular astigmatism and faceted scars give perhaps greater improvement in visual acuity than any other type of case."

The glasses, as has been said, become part of the eye and afford as little discomfort, apparently, as well-fitting dentures.—"Times"

UNITED GRAND LODGE

Two New Appointments

Presiding at the quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge the Earl of Harewood, Pro Grand Master, read a message from the Grand Master that he desired to appoint an Assistant Grand Master in view of the continual developments of the Craft. The Grand Master's message was at once taken into consideration, and the necessary additions and Amendments to the Book of Constitutions were moved and carried.

A further message from the Grand Master was then read, appointing Brigadier-General W. H. V. Darell as Assistant Grand Master. He took the necessary obligation and was at once invested. Subsequently Mr. Sydney A. White, P.G.D., was appointed Grand Secretary in succession to the late Sir Colville Smith. Brigadier-General Darell will undertake most of the ceremonial work, which of late years has fallen to Sir Colville Smith. Both appointments were received with applause.

Notice was given by Mr. H. Pirie Gordon, of the Old Harrobian Lodge, of his intention to nominate at the next quarterly meeting the Duke of Connaught as Grand Master for the ensuing year. This will be his thirty-eighth election.

GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION

COLOUR AND ROMANCE OF PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO



Compactly arranged on its 400-acre man-made site on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition will be striking in architectural beauty, dominated by its 400-foot tall Spire to the Sun, which may be seen here in the center of the Court of the Seven Seas. Just inside the huge Elephant Gates, main entrance to the Exposition, the great sculptured murals and relief maps which carry out the theme of "Discovery" will be found along the Court walls, a section of which may be seen in the above picture to the left of the tower. This view was taken from an elaborate model of the Exposition city now on display in a specially constructed pavilion in Union Square, center of San Francisco's downtown business district.

San Francisco, California—Colour and romance of the Port of San Francisco from its earliest days to the present will live again in the architecture and sculpture of the Court of the Seven Seas at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition, officials of the coming World's Fair announce.

Saluting the great Pacific Empire and its shipping industry, the Court of the Seven Seas will include the following giant sculpture:

The famous Clipper Ship, "Flying Cloud," which broke all records between San Francisco, the Orient and New York in the "days of '49."

Huge maps, 50 feet high, showing both shores of the Pacific—Ocean with the ship courses of Drake, Cook, Gray, Magellan and other early explorers.

Periods of marine history, including explorations to the Spanish Main, starting of trade routes to the Orient, exploits of Marco Polo, days of the supremacy of Venice and her trade with the Levant, with each panel having a ship of the period as a central motif, and carrying out the theme that San Francisco's trade covers the Seven Seas of this modern day and age just as ships of past dynasties spread out over the Seven Seas of their day.

Hardy explorers sighting new land and preparing to land from small boats while the mother craft lies "hove to" in the distance, carrying out the theme of "Discovery."

Atop each of sixteen 60-foot high pylons running along both sides of the court will be a ship's prow with a guiding figure of Victory, symbolic of San Francisco's importance as a sea port. In each of

the ship pylons will be niches 30 feet high in which huge sculptured nets will appear to have a mighty catch of fish, large and small. Mermaids, caught in the nets, will petition for release by offering up treasures from the deep for ransom.

At night, the walls of the Court of the Seven Seas will glow with a mellow apricot tone illumination. Ultra-violet rays, commonly known as "black light," and fluorescent paint will make the sculptured figures and ships appear to be moving.

As the World's Fair visitors stroll along the center of the Court of the Seven Seas, they will find at every hand further marine motifs. Sea horses will peer from their high and dry habitat on the side walls; flag standards with a salty twist, designed especially for night effects, will mark approaches to the buildings. Names of famous San Francisco ships will appear on these standards.

Longest of the Exposition courts, it will be 1000 feet in length and 200 feet wide. Upon it will be the

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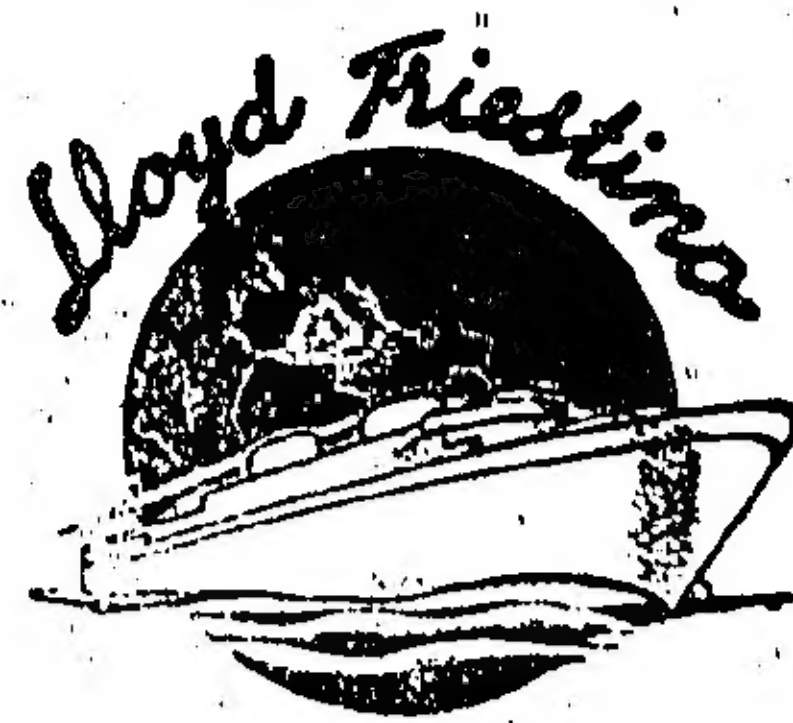
Canon Sheppard lived at Amen-court, Paternoster-row, T.C., and was formerly vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He was Dean of Canterbury from 1929-1931, and from 1934 Canon and Precentor of St. Paul's.

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THE EXCHANGE MARKET

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Silver prices dropped 1/8 over the week-end for both deliveries, the quotations being 18.15/16 and 18.15/16 respectively. Silver advances reported a small business. There was very poor support. India and speculators sold. The market was steady. The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 499.60. New York/London was quoted at 499.13/16.

MARKET

Quiet. There was some activity in the U.S. Dollar market.

STERLING

No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 December, 1/2 31/32 January/February, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash/January and 1/3 February/March.

U.S. DOLLARS

Some business was transacted at 31.1/4 December and Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 31.1/4 Cash, 31.3/16 January and 31.1/8 February/March, buyers at 31.5/16 Cash, 31.1/4 January/February and 31.3/16 March.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 105 13/16, buyers at 105 15/16 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2 3/16, buyers at 12 13/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars, sellers at 29.8/16, buyers at 29.19/32 for Spot.

The market was quiet in the afternoon, finishing with sellers of Sterling at 1/3 December and 1/2 31/32 January/February, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash/January and 1/3 February/March.

U.S. Dollars

The market closed with sellers at 31.1/4 December, 31.3/16 January and 31.1/8 February/March, buyers at 31.5/16 Cash, 31.1/4 January/February and 31.3/16 March.

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The market was uneasy.

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H.K. Electric, \$52.
Telephones (Old), \$26.
Telephones (New), \$9.20.
Cements, \$12.60.
H.K. Mines, 13 cts.

SALES

Hong Kong Bank, \$1430.
H.K. Electric, \$51/50.
China Lights Rights, \$5.

HEAVY FIGHTING

Hangchow, Dec. 19. Heavy fighting is in progress at Siehkiaw and Chowangmiao on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, as the Japanese are advancing along the railway to attack Hangchow. Their immediate objective is Changan.

Both sides are suffering heavy casualties in the present fighting. General Chang Fa-kuei, who staged a gallant defence at Pootung by shelling the Japanese positions and warships, is in charge of the defence of Hangchow.

Several parts of the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway at Siehkiaw were cut to hinder the advance of the Japanese.

International News Agency.

FURTHER INVASION OF CHERKIANG

Yushan, Kiangsi, Dec. 19. Part of the Japanese troops on the Yangtze River, are said to be making preparations for a drive further into Cherkang from three directions.

It is stated that the Japanese column which took Wuhs has a scenic town on the Anhwei-Cherkang border. Meanwhile, the Japanese troops around Wushing will descend on Wukang and Tehching, points further south, and those on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway will invade Hangchow, the lakeside city.

Central News

PHILIPPINE MINING NEWS

BENGUET CONSOLIDATED set a new all-time monthly production record of P922,797.88, from 31,036 tons treated in November. The total output of the four Benguet producers was P2,165,465.22, a gain of some P13,000 over the October figure. Balatoc was P27,000 over its October output, while Cal Hor and Ipo Gold each had lower monthly figures.

Company	36,516	P1,094,371.04
Benguet Consolidated	31,088	922,797.88
Cal Hor (Inc.)	6,523	101,467.10
Ukab	5,914	46,818.50
Ipo Gold	80,039	P2,165,465.22

MARSMAN-MANAGED properties produced P824,597.57 during November, from 51,237 tons treated. This figure is the highest monthly output of the year, and the second highest on record for the organization.

United Paracale had another all-time high monthly output, with

P201,693.51 produced for 7,750 tons milled. San Mauricio was up P44,000 over the October figure, while Suyoc and Itogon were down somewhat from the previous month. Itogon Mining Company 30,000 P339,019.97 Suyoc Consolidated, 6,266 119,972.91 United Paracale, 7,750 201,693.61 San Mauricio, 7,221 163,911.25

Totals 51,237 P824,597.74

Of the United Paracale output P2,785.68, from 159 tons, came from the Rocky Mt. Fraction of Northern Mining & Development Co.

NEW RECORD

I.X.L. Mining Company set a new all-time monthly production record of P228,416.58, from 8,826 tons treated.

MINDANAO "MOTHER LOPE" produced P184,259.46 in November. Of this amount, P58,359.46 was in the form of bullion and P125,900 in concentrates.

CHINA WAR NEWS

JAPANESE TROOPS AMBUSHED

Linfen, Dec. 19. Five hundred Japanese troops advancing southward from Yutze were ambushed by the Chinese forces near Fanchientsun some 11 miles south on December 15, a report just reaching here states.

Preceded by three tanks, the Japanese were pushing toward Fanchientsun. They were met on the way by a small party of Chinese troops which after a brief exchange of fire pretended to flee. Pursuing the Chinese, the Japanese came on a narrow path and were attacked by other units of Chinese troops lying in ambush there. Their tanks which became ineffective were destroyed.

Central News.

JAPANESE SURPRISED

Linfeng, Shansi, Dec. 19. Chinese irregulars, which have been active south of Taiyuanfu along the Tientsin-Puchow Highway, made their appearance in the outskirts of Taiyuanfu last night to the surprise of the Japanese troops. All the city gates were shut yesterday just before dark.

About 30,000 irregular forces or mobile units are scattering along the Cheunging-Taiyuan Railway to harass the Japanese forces, whose food supplies are running low as a result of frequent disruption of train service. The irregulars are responsible for the train accidents. Japanese forces are concentrated at Cheunging in East Hopei, Niang-tzekwan on the Hopei-Shansi borders and Shaoyang, between Niang-tzekwan and Taiyuanfu. The lines of communication between these towns are often broken by the Chinese.

International News Agency.

ARAKI AGAIN

Shanghai, Dec. 18. The postponement of the Imperial conference of the Emperor with his Cabinet and Imperial Headquarters scheduled for to-day is due to the diversion of views among the military, naval and civilian officials, according to a Tokyo report.

A report from London stated that Mr. Koki Hirota may resign as Foreign Minister in the coming reshuffle of the Kono Cabinet and that General Baron Sadao Araki may again become Minister of War.

International News Agency.

"LAWRENCE OF MANCHURIA"

Tsinan, Dec. 19. While Japanese reports never mentioned the activities of Lieut. General Kenji Doihara, the "Lawrence of Manchuria," or the fact that he is in North China, a Chinese official news report stated from reliable sources that he was killed in action in the Peiping-Hankow front. The exact point is not stated.

The official report added that the general's body was cremated and the ashes were sent back to Japan.

Lieut. General. Doihara is in command of the 14th Division, a part of which joined the Japanese expeditionary force in China. The Japanese officer distinguished himself in winning over the support of mercenary Chinese politicians and militarists and lay the background for Japanese seizure of Manchuria. During the Mukden Incident of September 18, 1931, General Doihara was a colonel in charge of intelligence for the Japanese Kwantung army.

International News Agency.

WEDDING PARTY TRAGEDY

Canton, Dec. 19: Japanese army men rained death on a group of villagers at Shekuen Village in Waichow recently whilst they were happily attending a wedding ceremony, according to a new arrival from Waichow.

The wedding, the new arrival said, was being held in the ancestral temple of the bridegroom's family when five Japanese machines roared overhead on their way to bomb the Canton-Kowloon Railway. The bride, the bridegroom, their parents and over 30 guests were blasted to pieces, and the temple, gaily decorated, was reduced to ruins.

Central News.

CIVILIANS KILLED

Canton, Dec. 19: Investigation shows that more than 10 civilians were killed yesterday when the Japanese planes strafed the northern suburbs of Canton during a raid.

It is also disclosed that several bombs were dropped in the north-eastern suburbs by a Japanese plane during the night raid on the same day. The extent of the damage was not serious.

Central News.

Canton, Dec. 18. Two Japanese warplanes passed through the south-eastern suburbs of Canton at 12.25 a.m. to-day and were greeted with ground fire from Tungshan and Honam, which were shaken by the gunfire.

The first alarm was sounded at 9.20 a.m. when twenty-six bombers took off from a base near Tongkwan and came in the direction of Canton via Chekai and Kwanghoi.

Over thirty bombs were dropped in and around Kwunton in the Canton-Hankow Railway, while other planes reconnoitred along the Canton-Shamshui Railway. Three bombs were dropped on Cheungmuktau on the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Japanese planes also reconnoitred over Shangchuen and Hsiachuen Islands and the Ningyang Railway in Tolshan. It is not known whether the railway was bombed.

Two Japanese planes flew over Fengning Road and western suburb yesterday afternoon. The sound of anti-aircraft fire drove many to seek shelter in dug-outs and tall buildings. Two bombs were dropped on Tienho aerodrome and Paityan aerodrome. The enemy warplanes entered into Canton in order to draw out the several fighters, which gave a demonstration last Wednesday.

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JAPANESE TROOPS TURNED BACK

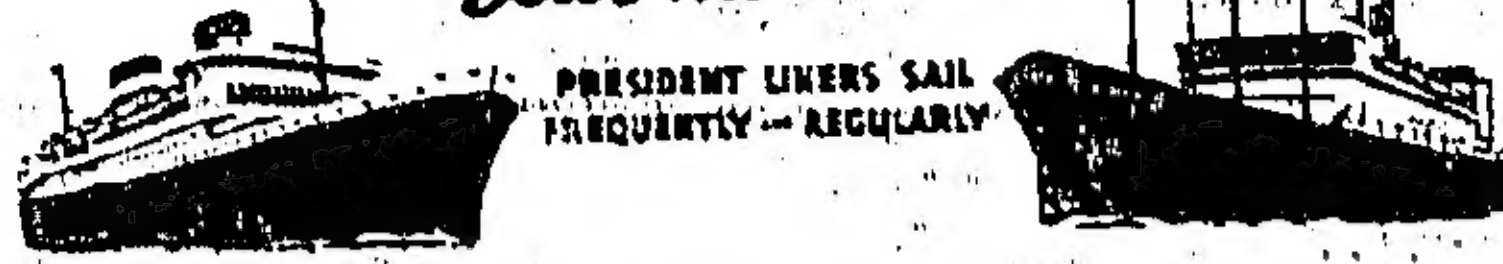
Hankow, Dec. 19: A party of Japanese troops seeking entry into the Shanghai French Concession at the intersection of Avenue Joffre and Avenue Haig on the night of December 18 was turned back by the French police and soldiers on guard, according to information from foreign sources.

As a precautionary measure, the French Concession authorities placed again on the next morning the "barbed-wire barricades" at the intersection which had recently been removed, and French flags were prominently hoisted on the barricades.

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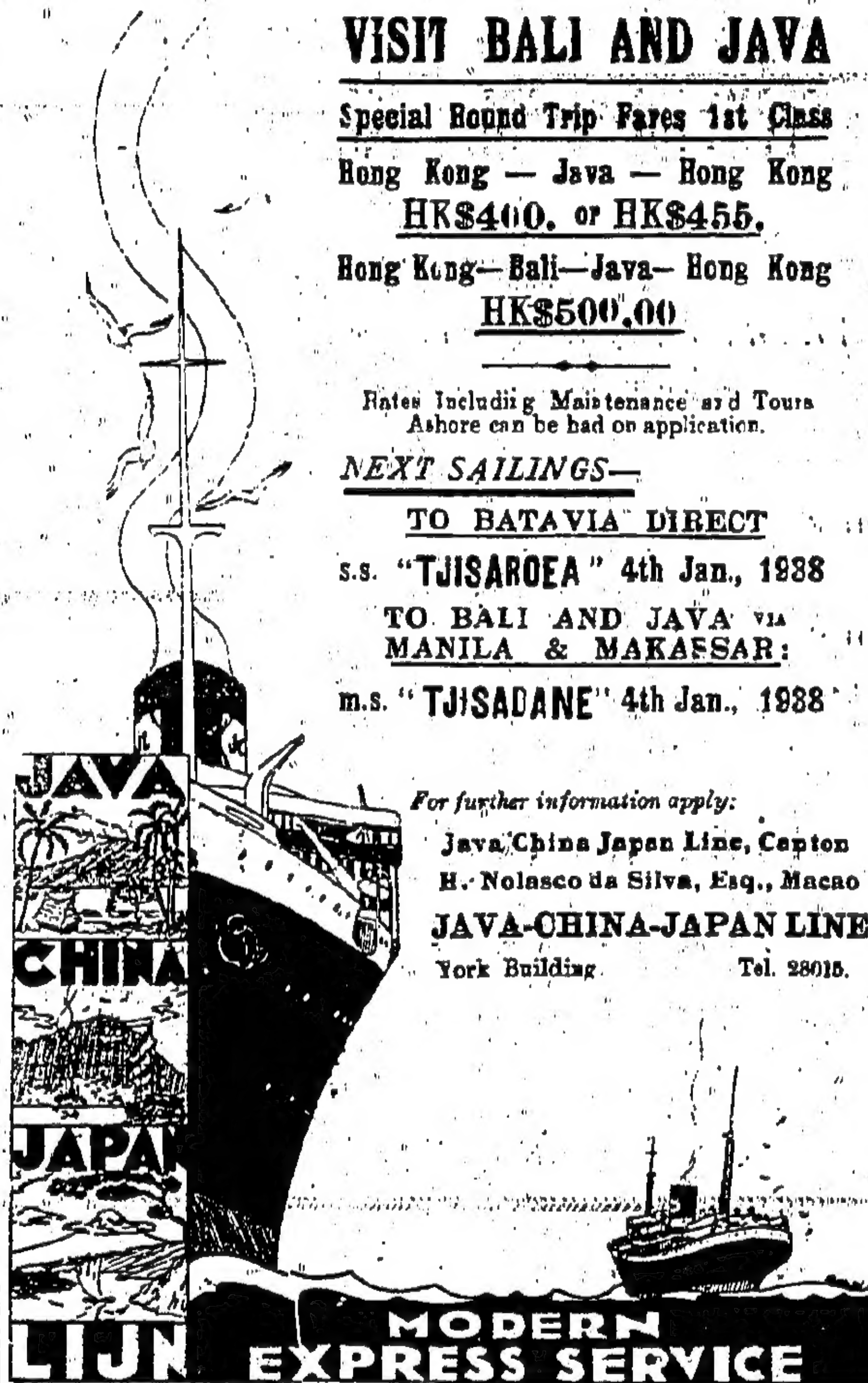
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SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.
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Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 23.

Houtman, J.C.J. Line, January 1.

Nollere, E. & A. S.S. Co., Jan. 4.

Chitral, P. & O., January 7.

Alex. B. & S., January 18.

Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., Jan. 20.

Swatow.

Leesang, J.M. & Co., December 31.

Hohlow, B. & S., Dec. 22.

Leesang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 22.

Haiching, Douglas, Dec. 22.

Hellon, Thoresen's, December 22.

Kalzan, B. & S., Dec. 22.

Chakung, J.M. & Co., Dec. 23.

Yochow, B. & S., Dec. 23.

Haitan, Douglas, Dec. 24.

Yatshing, J.M. & Co., Dec. 24.

Kalzan, B. & S., December 24.

Yochow, B. & S., December 24.

Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 30.

Takao.

Hong Kong Maru, O.S.K., December 25.

Tientsin.

Leesang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 22.

Hohlow, B. & S., Dec. 22.

Chakung, J.M. & Co., Dec. 23.

Yatshing, J.M. & Co., Dec. 23.

Yochow, B. & S., Dec. 23.

Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 23.

Yochow, B. & S., December 23.

Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 30.

Tientsin.

Hohlow, B. & S., Dec. 22.

Leesang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 22.

Chakung, J.M. & Co., Dec. 23.

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Yochow, B. & S., Dec. 23.

Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 23.

Yochow, B. & S., December 23.

Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 30.

Wei-Hai-Wei.

Hohlow, B. & S., Dec. 22.

Yochow, B. & S., December 23.

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Yochow, B. & S., December 23.

Vancouver, B.C.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Dec. 24.
Tallyhuss, B. & S., Jan. 18.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., January 23.

Victoria, B.C.
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Dec. 24.
Tallyhuss, B. & S., Jan. 18.
Emp. of Russia, C.P.S., January 23.

SOUTHWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO COAST

PORTS, MANILA, AUSTRALIA.

Australian Ports, East and West

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.

Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4.

Bangkok.
Hellas, Thoresen's, December 23.

Kalzan, B. & S., December 23.

Barantaz, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 23.

Malayan Prince, Furness, January 11.

Belawan-Deli.
Van Heuts, J.C.J. Line, December 23.

Scharnhorst, Melchers, December 23.

Trave, Melchers, January 9.

Brisbane.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.

Cebu.
Silverwalnut, Furness, December 23.

Anna Maerk, Jensen's, December 31.

Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4.

Davao.
Silverwalnut, Furness, December 23.

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.

Haiphong.
Klungchow, B. & S., Dec. 21.

Kinguan, B. & S., December 24.

Hobart.
Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., Jan. 2.

Hollow.
Klungchow, B. & S., Dec. 21.

Klungchow, B. & S., December 24.

Makassar.
Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4.

Manila.
Silverwalnut, Furness, December 23.

Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.

Pres. Grant, A.M. Line, December 23.

Scharnhorst, Melchers, December 23.

Pres. Coolidge, Jensen's, December 31.

Anna Maerk, Jensen's, December 31.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.

Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4.

Patroclus, B. & S., January 11.

Malayan Prince, Furness, January 11.

Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., January 14.

Potsdam, Melchers, January 18.

Melbourne.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.

Klungchow, B. & S., Dec. 21.

Rabaul.
Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.

Sandakan.
Hinsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 31.

Malayan Prince, Furness, January 11.

Seerabala.
Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4.

Sydney.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2.

Thuradav Island.
Atsuta Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.

WESTWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO EUROPE

AFRICA, ETC.

Aden.

Ranpura, P. & O., Dec. 25.

Deucalion, B. & S., December 23.

Soudan, P. & O., January 1.

Gasterkerk, J.C.J. Line, January 3.

Rawalpindi, P. & O., January 8.

Patroclus, B. & S., January 11.

African Ports.
Harentsz, J.C.J. Line, Dec. 23.

Algiers.
Peiping, Gilman's, December 29.

Antwerp.
Peiping, Gilman's, December 29.

Soudan, P. & O., January 1.

Gasterkerk, J.C.J. Line, January 3.

Gleniffer, J.M. & Co., January 4.

Titan, Thoresen's, January 7.

Bombay.
Jeypore, P. & O., Dec. 21.

Ranpura, P. & O., Dec. 25.

Toiyama Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.

Soudan, P. & O., January 1.

Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, Jan. 2.

Conte Verde, Lloyd Triestino, Jan. 2.

Taiyin Maru, O.S.K., Jan. 3.

Rawalpindi, P. & O., Jan. 8.

Kidderpore, P. & O., Jan. 15.

Boston and New York.
Silverwalnut, Furness, December 23.

Marchen Maerk, Jensen's, Jan. 1.

Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, Jan. 2.

Malayan Prince, Furness, January 11.

Emp. of Japan, C.P.S., January 14.

Potsdam, Melchers, January 18.

Yensang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 23.

Ryuu Maru, N.Y.K., December 24.

Scharnhorst, Melchers, December 23.

Kungang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 30.

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RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 28, 1938, Canadian Pacific "EMPRESSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

SAILING TO MANILA

EMPRESS OF JAPAN Jan. 14

TO CANADA, UNITED STATES AND EUROPE

EMPRESS OF CANADA Dec. 24

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TATSUTA MARU ... 25th Jan. 1938

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HEIAN MARU ... 22nd Jan., 1938

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ATSUTA MARU ... Sunday, 26th Dec.
KITANO MARU ... 22nd Jan., 1938

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang and Colombo.

TOYAMA MARU ... Monday, 27th Dec.
HAKODATE MARU ... 10th Jan., 1938
TOYOOKA MARU ... 27th Jan., 1938

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Astratus (B. & S.), British steamer, Capt. J. F. Webster, 4,948 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Manila, general cargo. Berthing at Heli's Wharf.

Anshun (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. C. P. Miller, 1,860 tons, arrived December 19 from Singapore. Cleared December 20 for Swatow.

Blackheath (Thoresen & Co.), British steamer, Captain Reid, 2,702 tons, arrived on September 9 from Portland. Lying at North Point.

Canton (M. M. & Co.), French str., Captain G. Charlot, 943 tons, arrived Dec. 17 from Haiphong, general cargo. Cleared December 20 for Haiphong.

Chak Sang (J. M. & Co.), British str., Captain L. McRoe, 1,470 tons, arrived on December 19 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. 88.

Chengtu (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain B. C. Finch, 1,338 tons, arrived on December 7 from Saigon. Lying at Stonecutters.

City of Singapore (Bank Line), British str., Captain Wilkins, 4,401 tons, arrived on December 15 from Manila. Lying at Lai Chi Kok.

Cleveland (Thoresen & Co.), American steamer, Capt. E. Jackson, 3,737 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from Longview Ore. Lying at North Point.

Corfu (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., left Singapore on Dec. 18, and is due here on Dec. 22 at about 4 p.m.

Delagoa Maru (N.Y.K.), Japanese str., Captain H. Kageshima, 4,373 tons, arrived December 16 from Singapore. Lying at Kowloon Dock.

Diomed (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. H. D. Blaney, 6,354 tons, arrived Dec. 14 from Singapore. Berthing at Heli's Wharf.

Elax (A. P. C.), British str., Captain C. W. Turner, 2,777 tons, arrived on Dec. 18 from Swatow, fuel oil, etc. Lying at North Point.

Emmy (J. M. & Co.), Greek str., Captain J. Michailis, 2,474 tons, arrived on December 16 from Swatow. Lying at Kowloon Dock.

Empress of Asia (C. P. S.), British steamer, Capt. G. Goolish, 8,883 tons, left Yokohama on Dec. 17 at 3 p.m., is due at Vancouver on Dec. 27 at 2 p.m., leaves Vancouver on January 3 at 11 a.m. and is due at Hong Kong on Jan. 27 (Thursday) at a.m.

Empress of Canada (C.P.S.), British str., Capt. W. T. Kinley, 12,811 tons, is due at Hong Kong on Dec. 22 at 7 a.m. from Manila, and will berth at Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

Empress of Japan (C.P.S.), British str., Captain L. Douglas, 15,725 tons, arrived at Vancouver on Dec. 14 at 2 1/4 p.m. and leaves Vancouver on Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. She is due at Hong Kong on January 14 at a.m. and leaves for Manila on the same day in the evening.

Empress of Russia (C. P. S.), British str., Capt. T. F. Patrick, 8,789 tons, left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports on Dec. 11 at a.m. She is due here on December 30 (Thursday) at a.m. and will proceed to Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul after discharge of cargo.

Eng Lee (Yee Tai Hong), Chinese steamer, Captain T. Mear, 865 tons, lying at Tai Koo Dock.

Feng Lee (Yee Tai Hong), Chinese str., Captain Y. Katsuyoshi, 1,350 tons, lying at Kowloon Dock.

Founder (East Asiatic & Co.), Italian str., Captain Benli, 2,351 tons, arrived Dec. 17 from Sandakan, general cargo. Lying at Yau Ma Tei.

Foo Shing (J. M. & Co.), British steamer, Captain Walker, 1,423 tons, arrived on November 18 from Saigon. Mooring at buoy No. 88.

Gastelerkerk (J. C. J. Line), Dutch str., Captain L. W. d. Plas, 5,444 tons, arrived on December 15 from Manila. Cleared December 20 for Moji.

Gertrude Maerk (Jensen & Co.), Danish str., Captain A. Jespersen, 3,155 tons, lying at Tai Koo Dock.

Gustav Diederichsen (Jensen & Co.), Danish str., Captain B. Nielsen, 1,353 tons, arrived December 18 from Swatow. Cleared on the same day for Shanghai.

Hai Ching (Douglas & Co.), British str., Capt. O. H. Farrar, 3,322 tons, arrived on December 18 from Swatow. Cleared December 19 for Swatow.

Hai Shang (Dodwell & Co.), Chinese steamer, Captain P. Book, 2,074 tons, lying at Stonecutters.

Hai Yu (Dodwell & Co.), Chinese str., Capt. V. Andersen, 1,988 tons, lying at Stonecutters.

Helikon (Wo Fat Sing), British str., Capt. W. Anderson, 1,220 tons, arrived on December 17 from Saigon. Cleared December 19 for Saigon.

Holice (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain A. Meklum, 1,113 tons, arrived on December 19 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. 86.

Horned (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain S. H. Ellassen, 840 tons, arrived on December 18 from Bangkok. Mooring at buoy No. 88.

Java (East Asiatic & Co.), Danish steamer, Capt. Skjoldam, 5,325 tons, arrived on November 13 from Kobe. Mooring at buoy No. 44.

Jeyapo (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., left Hoji on Dec. 17, and is due here on Dec. 21 at about 2 p.m. She will leave Hong Kong for Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf on December 22 at noon.

Kaiaipoi (Williamson & Co.), British str., Capt. T. B. Robertson, 1,346 tons, arrived December 16 from Samarinda. Lying at Yau Ma Tei.

Kalgan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain D. D. Richards, 1,536 tons, arrived Hong Kong Dec. 19 from Bangkok via Swatow, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. 815.

Kaying (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. H. Hasted, 1,573 tons, arrived on December 14 from Canton. Lying at Tai Koo Dock.

Kitano Maru (N.Y.K.), Japanese str., Capt. K. Fukuda, 4,928 tons, arrived Dec. 16 from Manila, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. 47.

Kunghow (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. A. Taylor, 1,545 tons, arrived on December 18 from Swatow. Cleared December 20 for Canton.

Kwanglung (Butterfield & Swire), British steamer, Capt. J. R. Nisbet, 1,572 tons, arrived December 18 from Amoy. Cleared December 20 for Hong Kong.

Liangchow (Butterfield & Swire), British steamer, Capt. O. Fox, 1,220 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Hongkong, coal. Cleared Dec. 20 for Shanghai.

Maibella (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain Thorenfeldt, 840 tons, arrived on December 18 from Bangkok. Mooring at buoy No. 810.

Momon (Butterfield & Swire), British steamer, is expected to arrive here from Singapore on Dec. 24 at 6 a.m.

Michael Jensen (Jensen & Company), Danish str., Captain G. Elberg, 1,349 tons, arrived on Dec. 19 from Shanghai. Cleared Dec. 20 for Hong Kong.

Nanchang (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. J. Middleton, 1,488 tons, arrived on December 8 from Canton. Cleared December 19 for Hong Kong.

Norviken (J. M. & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain W. Westlund, 1,770 tons, arrived Hong Kong December 19 from Tientsin via Taku Har, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. 82.

Paula (A. P. C.), Dutch steamer, Captain A. J. Moerman, 1,319 tons, arrived on November 18 from Amoy. Lying at Lai Chi Kok.

Perseus (A. P. C. Line), American str., Captain C. F. Bryant, 8,490 tons, arrived December 19 from Manila. Cleared December 20 for Kobe.

Produce (Texas & Co.), Norwegian steamer, Capt. E. Winsnes, 743 tons, arrived on November 14 from Swatow. Lying at Stonecutters.

R.C. Rickmers (Jensen & Co.), German str., Captain Ranpach, 3,192 tons, arrived on December 19 from Manila. Lying at Stonecutters.

Rosalie Moller (M.H.K.), British str., Capt. W. G. Dray, 2,457 tons, arrived on Dec. 15 from Milne, cargo-coal. Mooring at buoy No. A13.

Sandviken (J. M. & Co.), British str., Capt. P. Hesch, 1,775 tons, arrived Dec. 17 from Singapore, gen. cargo. Mooring at buoy No. 827.

Selatan (Douglas & Co.), British str., Capt. E. C. Greer, 1,371 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from Campha, coal. Berthing at H.K. Electric Wharf.

Shun Chih (Wo Fat Sing), British steamer, Capt. W. Lee, 1,173 tons, arrived on December 15 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. 81.

Silverstern (Jensen & Co.), British str., Capt. J. Smith, 3,555 tons, arrived Dec. 14 from New York via Manila, g. cargo. Berthing at Kowloon Wharf.

Sirdhana (M. M. & Co.), British str., left Singapore on Dec. 16, and is due here on Dec. 20.

Soehow (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. J. H. Hodgkins, 1,594 tons, arrived December 18 from Canton. Mooring at buoy No. B17.

Sumatra (Lloyd Triestino), Italian str., Captain A. Randi, 3,551 tons, arrived on December 17 from Saigon. Cleared Dec. 20 for Shanghai.

Szechuen (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain J. Atkins, 1,594 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Amoy, gen. cargo. Mooring at buoy No. B1.

Taiyuan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain J. K. Clark, 2,100 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Amoy, gen. cargo. Mooring at buoy No. B1.

Tanamba (M. M. & Co.), British str., Captain D. R. C. Sinclair, 3,844 tons, lying at Tai Koo Dock.

Tjaraoca (J. C. J. Line), Dutch str., Captain P. J. Van Nuy, 4,354 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from Tandjong Pagar. Cleared Dec. 20 for Shanghai.

Turbo (A. P. C.), British steamer, Capt. J. Rendall, 2,378 tons, arrived December 17 from Balikpapan, fuel oil. Lying at Kowloon Bay.

Unita (Dodwell & Co.), Norwegian str., Capt. H. Kvamso, 2,345 tons, lying at Lai Chi Kok.

Vardaa (A. P. C.), Norwegian steamer, Capt. F. Larsen, 1,893 tons, lying at North Point.

Wing Wo (Ta. Fung & Co.), Portuguese str., Capt. I. de Lemos, 495 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from K. C. Wan. Berthing at Sai Kung Wharf.

PASSENGERS DUE

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Mr. Carl Amz, Mrs. M. Barton and son, Mr. C. Brightman, Mr. John Calvert, Miss M. Duane, Mr. R. Everest, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fister and daughter, Mrs. H. Hall and son, Mrs. A. S. Perkins, Mr. Wm. Law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leighton, Mr. and Mrs. John Mokrejs, Mrs. K. Mahnecke and daughter, Mrs. A. Olcese, Mr. W. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. M. Reid and son, Mr. W. Shiles, Mr. and Mrs. W. Turnbull, Mr. William Watson, Mrs. Mary Watson, Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Berry, Mr. and Mrs. J. Caird, Mr. H. K. Chen, Mr. W. Hargreaves, Dr. and Mrs. K. G. Hobart and children, Miss S. James, Mr. and Mrs. M. Keane and children, Mr. C. Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. Wee Nelson, Sister Mary Ochoffe, Sister Mary Piel, Mr. R. M. Reynolds, Mr. S. Scott, Dr. J. T. Williams.

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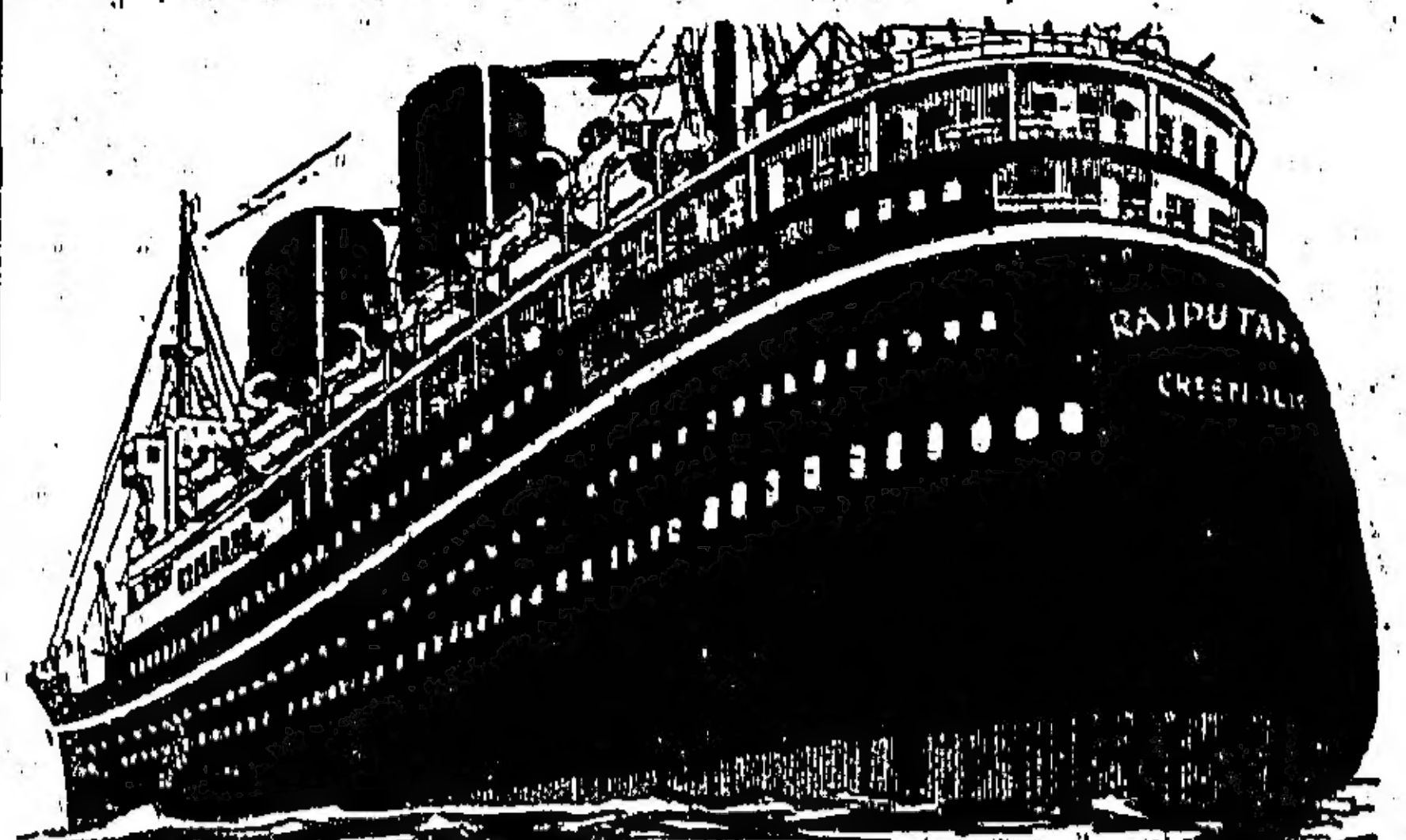
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*BOUDAN	7,000	1st Jan.	Mara, Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
*RAWALPIND	17,000	8th Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & London
*KIDDERPORE	5,000	15th Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & Persian Gulf
*CORFU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & London
*BURDWAN	6,000	29th Jan.	B'bay, Mara, Havre, L'don, H'bg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
*CHITRAL	15,000	5th Feb.	Mara, Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
*CARTHAGE	14,500	12th Feb.	Mara, Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
*SOMALI	7,000	26th Feb.	Mara, Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
*COMORIN	15,000	5th Mar.	Mara, Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull
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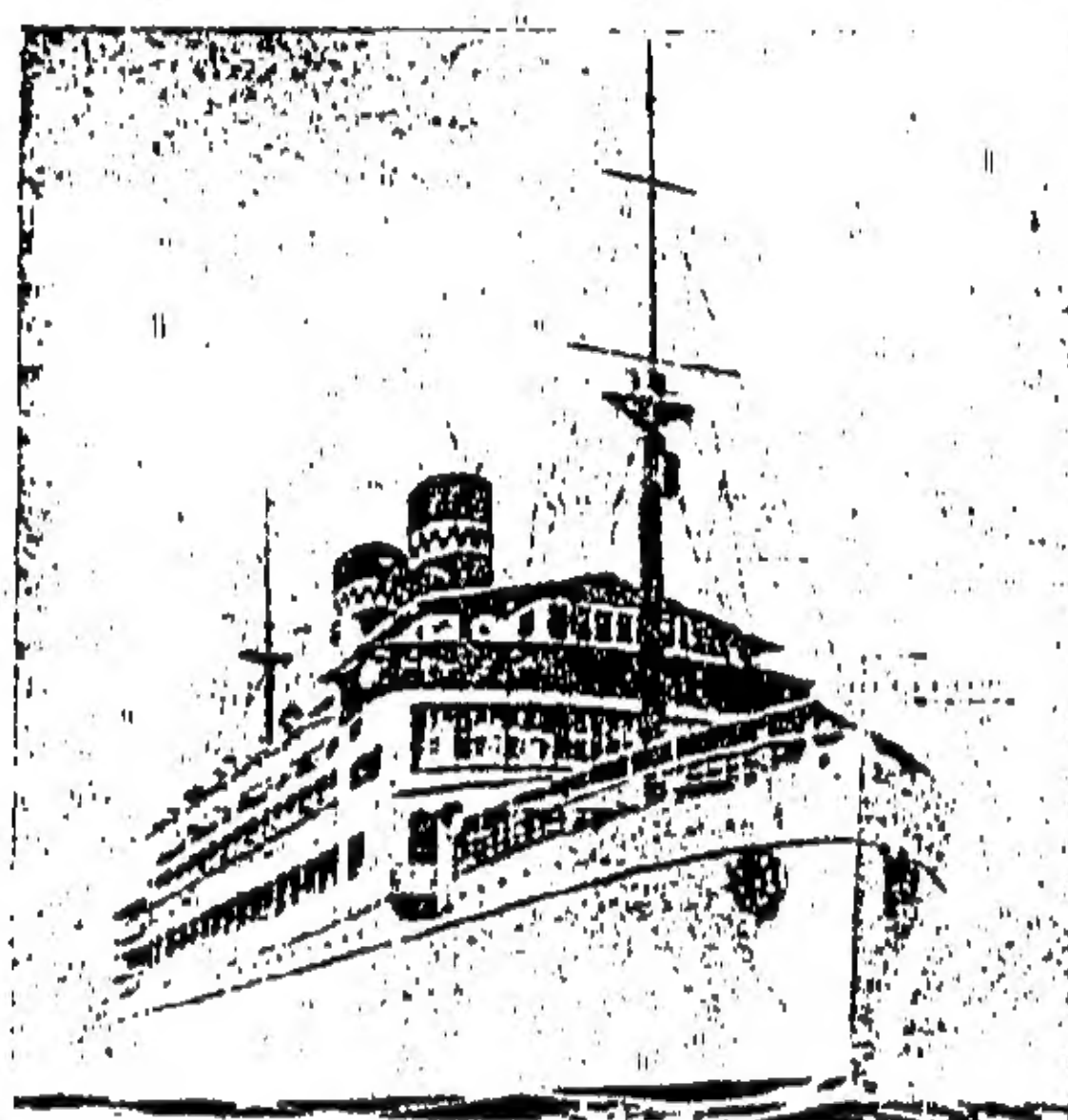
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AIR RAID LECTURE

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The drainage of rainwater that might find its way in through the roof and the drainage from the small channels at ground level has to be carried away. This is probably best done by one of the cross travel trenches, preferably the one farthest from the buildings from which the occupants come and so less likely to be used. It will have to be dug deeper than the other trenches, graded to a fall and fitted with "duckboards," so that the water may run away beneath the boards to some outfall downhill or into a storm water drain.

WATER MUST RUN AWAY

This water must run away somewhere and if you cannot arrange this the site is not suitable for a trench system. It will be full of water in the summer and unfit for use.

Such a trench system should have electric lighting if at all possible, as waiting in the dark is bad for the nerves. Other forms of lighting are not so suitable as they tend to consume the air and to heat up the shelter.

In the above description I have not said anything about rivetting the sides of the trenches. If the trenches are out in good sound earth such as the local disintegrated granite soil, they would probably stand for long periods. If cut in "made" soil, as in a reclamation, they might not stand for long and the sides might cave in and allow the roof to collapse on the occupants.

RIVETTING

In every case rivetting strengthens the trench and should be done if at all possible. One way to rivet a trench is as follows. Make frames of 4 inches by 2 inches timber consisting of two uprights with a top spreader to hold the heads of the uprights apart and a bottom spreader to hold the feet apart. The wide way of the timber, (the 4 in.) should be across the line of the trench. The frame can be secured with nails at the corners. The height in the char inside the finished frame will be the height you want inside your finished trench (5 or 7 feet); the distance apart at the bottom inside the inside width of the bottom of the trench, say 2 feet in the passage ways and 4 feet in the recesses and the distance apart at the top inside width of the top of the trench, say 4 feet in the passage ways and 6 feet in the recesses. In fact, the frame is a sort of template of the finished trench, the inside dimensions of the frame being the finished dimensions of the trench or the char.

Dig out the trench until the frames will go in with about 1 inch clearance at the sides. Then fit frames at from 2 feet to 2 ft. 6 in. centres with rough 1 in. boarding running along the length of the trench between the frames and the earth and holding the earth in place.

ONLY TEMPORARY

This kind of rivetting can only be temporary in this colony, as the white ants will in time destroy any timber rivetting. If, therefore, you wish to make a shelter for permanent use you would have to make your rivetting in brick or concrete and your roof also. Steel rivetting would be possible but expense is likely to put it out of court.

For a permanent shelter, the following suggestions are made:—

1. Brick arch shelters.
If your shelter trenches are lined with brick instead of timber as above, it will be proof against rot and the white ant. The walls should be 2 bricks thick, and the roof arched and 14 or better two bricks. If using brickwork the trench widths should be a minimum of 2 feet 6 inches in the passages and 4 feet 6 inches in the recesses.

2. R.C.C. Tunnels.
6 inches of concrete with No. 6 B.R.C. or equivalent about 1 inch from inner face. Sections as in wood rivetted trenches.

If R.C.C. is used leave short lengths unreinforced every 50 feet and make them inside and outside. Alternatively, these short lengths might be in brick and lime mortar. If you have R.C.C. throughout and are unlikely enough to have a hit on one end of a shelter, you may have some persons trapped below. Cutting through the reinforcement of R.C.C. is a tedious business, and, meanwhile, there may be wounded inside. If you know exactly where the unreinforced lengths are, they can quickly be broken into and the occupants released. Such lengths

SPY SUSPECT'S ARREST

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Relating the story told to her by the woman, Mrs. Richards said that her husband boarded the Shumchun train with a friend named Chiu, who is a broker, and his wife. When the train had just crossed the border, Chinese plainclothes men approached them with firearms and prevented them from moving. When the train stopped at Shumchun Station the three were taken into custody by the Chinese military authorities and were detained while awaiting the express to transfer them to Canton, at which place they eventually arrived about 8 p.m.

The woman, however, was released and came back to Kowloon to inform Mrs. Richards of the incident, about 24 hours after Mr. Richards had left his house.

MR. FRANK KELLOGG ON POINT OF DEATH

St. Paul, Minnesota, Dec. 19.

Mr. Frank Billings Kellogg, author of the famous Kellogg Peace Pact, is critically ill following an operation. He had a stroke six weeks ago.

Dr. Lepak, who is attending Mr. Kellogg, says there is virtually no hope, and that his passing is just a matter of hours.

"MAD PRINCE" BURIED

Cairo, Dec. 19.

The embalmed body of the so-called "Mad Prince," Ahmed Seifeldin, brother-in-law of the late King Fuad, was given a State funeral and burial in the royal cemetery on arrival here from Istanbul to-day.

A representative of King Farouk, members of the Egyptian Cabinet and other Egyptian princes were among those present.

DELBOS ARRIVES HOME

Paris, Dec. 19.

M. Yvon Delbos, French Foreign Minister, expressed himself very satisfied with his tour of Central Europe when he arrived in Paris this morning from Prague. He was enthusiastically received by large crowds at the railway station.

The general opinion is that the tour showed that France's alliances and friendships were as strong and as valuable as ever, and that M. Delbos had enhanced France's prestige.

RECOGNITION PROBABLE

Shanghai, Dec. 19.
According to Japanese despatches, de jure recognition of the "provisional government" of Peking by a "certain foreign power" is considered probable in the near future. It is hinted, the report adds, that important diplomatic developments might occur soon in the relations of the new regime with Japan, Manchukuo, Germany and Italy.

should, of course, not be over-recesses where people are collected.

These shelters that I have described may seem very flimsy things against a modern air raid. But you must remember that the civil population is not primarily the target for such attacks and it only suffers because bombing is still a very inaccurate weapon and the "misses" are scattered very widely afield. Remember the pilot of the raiding aircraft is not sitting in Olympian detachment above the world deciding on whom to loose his bolts. He also is in considerable danger from the defenders fire and has also to watch for the defending aircraft. So he may miss fairly widely, so you see the odds that a bomb may land fairly on a shelter are very small indeed.

You will have read in the papers of the casualties caused by air raids in China and particularly in Shanghai. In most cases the details are not given, but when they are it seems clear that these casualties were caused by bombs falling on large crowds in open streets who had not attempted to take cover. I have only the press photos of the Shanghai bombing to guide me, but it seems from them that the main frontages of the buildings were not severely damaged and that had they been protected as I have described, and had the people in the streets been inside the protected buildings, there would have been very few casualties indeed.

LOCALLY MADE GAS MASKS

Fung Keong's Latest Venture

The Fung Keong Rubber Manufacturing Co., Ltd., of Shaukiwan, largest rubber goods factory in the Colony have just placed in the market gas-masks suitable for protection against all but the virulent forms of mustard gas. These can be obtained from any of the Company's depots at prices ranging from \$7.90 to \$13.

The company will produce up to half a million gas masks as soon as Government certification that the masks provide adequate protection is forthcoming. Government, so far, has withheld its approval, as it is not considered that the filters comply with anti-gas regulations. Preliminary manufacture of gas masks was undertaken for experimental purposes by the Fung Keong Rubber Company at the request of the Hong Kong Government, and although experiments are still being carried out in order to find a suitable filter, the Company has already placed its masks on sale to the general public.

LARGE-SCALE MANUFACTURE

It is understood that practically the entire plant of the company, which formerly manufactured tennis shoes, hot water bottles and other rubber requisites, will eventually be given over to the manufacture of gas masks. It was originally intended to manufacture only the rubber portion of the masks in Hong Kong, importing the filters from England. But owing to this overwhelming demand in England for filters for local use, English manufacturers cannot at present fill overseas orders.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

An official of the local Air Raids Precautions Committee said:—"Government approval of the locally manufactured gas masks will be given as soon as certain difficulties connected with the filters are overcome. The Fung Keong Company is conducting further experiments with this object in view."

"Unless private firms are able to import gas masks from Europe, it is highly improbable that the general public will be able to obtain other than locally manufactured masks which, subject to overcoming certain filter defects, should provide adequate protection against all but the most virulent blister gases."

"Government is importing gas masks, but these will be distributed to personnel—Civilian and otherwise—likely to be employed by the War Department in the event of any emergency in this colony."

WEATHER REPORT

HONG KONG ROYAL OBSERVATORY

10 a.m., Dec. 20.

Barometer (at sea level): 30.08 ins.

Temperature, 83 F.

Humidity, 72 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Temperature; maximum yesterday, 85 F.

Temperature; minimum last night, 60 F.

Rainfall for 24 hours, ending 10th day, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1, 82.49 ins.

Against an average of 84.73 ins.

Sunset to-night, 5.43 p.m.

Sunrise to-morrow, 6.58 a.m.

4 p.m. Dec. 20.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.99.

Temperature, 63. Humidity, 72.

Wind Direction, East. Wind Force (Beaufort), 4. Maximum temperature, 66. Minimum temperature, 60.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From December 21 to 27, 1937.

Day of Month	Time of High Water	Height of High Water	Time of Low Water	Height of Low Water
Tue 21	12.55	6.0	06.02	0.7
Wed 22	13.40	5.0	06.44	1.1
Thur 23	14.22	5.0	07.28	1.6
Fri 24	15.07	5.2	08.19	2.0
Sat 25	15.54	5.4	09.14	2.2
Sun 26	16.44	5.6	10.14	2.4
Mon 27	17.38	5.8	11.19	2.6
	18.35	6.0	12.29	2.8

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(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words.

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Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

Ordinary air mail letters for Imperial Airways Direct Service to Europe etc., will, until further notice, be closed at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office 9.00 a.m. on Sundays. Letters for this Service may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes at Kowloon Post Office and General Post Office. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

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Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI and SWATOW	Luchoa	21st Dec.
JAPAN	Jeyjore	21st Dec.
HAIPHONG, PAKHOI and HOIHOW	Sinkiang	21st Dec.
SHANGHAI and SWATOW	Kingyuan	22nd Dec.
MANILA	Emp. of Canada	22nd Dec.
STRAITS	Tian	22nd Dec.
STRAITS and EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 15th Nov. and London Parcels—London date, 18th November	Gorfu	22nd Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Sirdhana	23rd Dec.
SHANGHAI, MANILA and London Parcels (London date, 11th November)	Mannan	24th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Rangpura	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Burdwan	24th Dec.
SAIGON	D'Arzac	24th Dec.
JAPAN	Atsuta Maru	24th Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Hsinang	24th Dec.
HAIPHONG	G. G. Paul Dummer	25th Dec.
STRAITS	Conte Verde	25th Dec.
JAPAN	Deucalion	25th Dec.
SHANGHAI and SWATOW	Shanwang	25th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th December	Pan-American Airways Plane	26th Dec.
JAPAN and SWATOW	Scharnhorst	26th Dec.
SAIGON	Barents	26th Dec.
JAPAN	Rakuyo Maru	27th Dec.
STRAITS	Agapenor	28th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Atsuta II	28th Dec.
STRAITS	Oceanic	28th Dec.
JAPAN	Rosufuku Maru	29th Dec.
U.S.A. CANADA, JAPAN and MANILA (Seattle, 4th December)	Pan. Grant	29th Dec.
JAPAN	Noto Maru	30th Dec.
AMOT	Taimo	30th Dec.
CANADA, U.S.A. and JAPAN (Vancouver) B.C., 11th December	Emp. of Russia	30th Dec.
JAVA and MANILA	Thiadang	30th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day.

PER	DATE AND TIME	
TUESDAY	Tuesday 21st.	
Air Mail for North China, Sian & Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM. Ord. 9.30 AM.	
Kongmoon	10.00 AM	
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	3.00 PM	
Amoy and Shanghai	3.30 PM	
WEDNESDAY	Wednesday 22nd.	
Samshui and Wuchow	8.15 AM	
Swatow	8.30 AM	
Air Mail for North China and Nanking (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM. Ord. 9.30 AM.	
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)	8.00 AM	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	2.00 PM	
Shanghai	2.30 PM	
*Straits and Calcutta	4.00 PM	
Yuenang	5.00 PM	
THURSDAY	Thursday 23rd.	
Bangkok via Swatow	8.30 AM	
Swatow	10.30 AM	
Shanghai	3.30 PM	
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service."	C.N.A.C. Plane Reg. 23rd 5.00 PM. Ord. 23rd 5.00 PM. G.P.O. Reg. 23rd 6.00 PM. Ord. 24th 6.00 AM.	
FRIDAY	Friday 24th.	
Japan and "EUROPE via Siberia"	Dorfu	10.20 AM
Shanghai and Japan	D'Arzac	1.30 PM
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America and "EUROPE via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 12th Jan. 1938	Emp. of Canada	1.00 PM
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kingyuan	3.00 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th Jan. 1938	Atsuta Maru	5.00 PM
SATURDAY	Saturday 25th.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 31st January 1938	Rangpura	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par. 24th 5.00 PM. Reg. 24th 9.45 AM. Ord. 25th 10.30 AM.

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